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Consular access for 303 Indian flyers in France

India on Saturday said it was working with the French government for an early resolution of the situation after a Nicaragua-bound flight carrying 303 Indians was detained by French authorities during a technical halt at an airport near Paris over suspected human trafficking. The Indian embassy said it is working with the French government for the welfare of the Indians.

Suspected drone strike on ship with 21 Indian sailors off Gujarat coast

Incident linked to rising attacks on vessels by Iran-backed Houthis amid Israel-Hamas war

YESHI SELI & MAYANK SINGH
@ New Delhi

FOUR days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu discussed the rising maritime threats as a result of the conflict between Israel and Hamas, a suspected drone strike caused an explosion aboard a Mangaluru-bound merchant ship with around 21 Indian crew about 200 nautical miles off the coast of Gujarat's Veraval.

The ship had set sail from Saudi Arabia, carrying crude oil, and was heading towards Mangaluru. It was sailing under the flag of Liberia.

The attack was first reported by the British watchdog, United Kingdom Marine Trade Operations (UKMTO). "UKMTO has received a report of an attack by uncrewed aerial system (UAS) on a vessel causing an explosion and fire. Fire was extinguished and no casualties were reported. Vessels are advised to transit with caution and report any suspicious activity," UKMTO said in a statement.

The incident comes in the wake of Iran-backed Houthi militants in Yemen stepping up attacks on vessels in the Red Sea. The US has since initiated a multilateral coalition to provide protection to cargo ships in the Red Sea.

Saturday's attack is viewed as having links to the Red Sea attacks. Though the distance between Red Sea and Veraval is 3,315 km, reports suggest the attackers could have taken this ship to have an Israeli connect, even though the ship was carrying the flag of Liberia.

"This appears to be a spillover of the Red Sea conflict. The Indian crew members narrowly escaped. It is a major cause of concern," a source said.

Reacting swiftly, the Indian Coast Guard Ship Vikram, which was on patrol duty in the Arabian Sea was dispatched to the site to provide assistance.

A P-8I maritime patrol aircraft was also deployed.

"The situation will be assessed and relevant steps will be taken. As per the initial information, it is suspected to be a drone-based attack," a source said.

No crew members have been injured in the incident, which led to a fire on board. The attacked vessel is being towed away to Mumbai, where it is expected to reach on Monday.

INCREASE IN MARITIME THREATS, SAYS IFC-IOR

The Information Fusion Centre – Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR), a maritime security centre hosted by the Indian Navy said there has been an increase in maritime security threats over the past one week. Houthis have pledged to continue attacks till Israel stops its war in Gaza

EXPRESS READ

Three held for moral policing in M'luru

Mangaluru: In an incident of moral policing, three men have been arrested for harassing a man and his female friend in Mangaluru on Thursday. P5

Traffic on Mysuru, Hosur roads hit

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

BENGALURU-MYSURU road, Bangalore International Airport road and Hosur road witnessed traffic jams for hours on Saturday with people leaving the city for native places and popular tourist spots in view of Christmas and year-end holidays. CONTINUED ON: P5

Flip-flop: CM says no decision yet on hijab ban

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah, who declared on Friday that he had directed officials to lift the ban on wearing hijab in educational institutions, did a U-turn on Saturday stating that no such decision has been taken.

His statement at Kavalande village in Mysuru district, where he inaugurated a police station, drew widespread criticism.

BJP leaders, including former CMs BS Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, and senior leader Basangouda Patil Yatnal came down heavily on Siddaramaiah soon after his statement.

Many Congress leaders too criticised Siddaramaiah stating that it was wrong to make such a statement which would affect the party's winning prospects in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

Siddaramaiah refused to speak on the hijab issue during his visit to Mysuru on Saturday. However, when reporters pressed him for his response, he opened up stating that the matter is still at the discussion stage.

The CM said, "We have not revoked the ban yet, I had to reply when somebody in the audience raised the issue during the function at Kavalande village on Friday. We are thinking about lifting the ban. We will discuss it at the government level before taking a final decision." P5

CONG SHAKE-UP

Priyanka off UP, gen secy Pilot to steer Chhattisgarh

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

IN a major organisational shake-up ahead of the 2024 general elections, the Congress on Saturday appointed Sachin Pilot as the general secretary in-charge of Chhattisgarh and Avinash Pande as the general secretary in-charge of Uttar Pradesh, replacing Kumari Selja and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, respectively. According to a statement issued by the party, Priyanka Gandhi will now be a general secretary "without any assigned portfolio".

Priyanka Gandhi

Sachin Pilot

Senior leaders K C Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Mukul Wasnik, and Randeep Singh Surjewala remain general secretaries in-charge of organisation, communication, Gujarat and Karnataka, respectively.

Pilot, a former deputy chief minister of Rajasthan, replaces Kumari Selja, who has now been given the charge as general secretary in-charge of Uttarakhand. The party's move to assign a key role to Pilot is seen as an effort to placate the leader, who has been engaged in a turf war with former chief minister Ashok Gehlot. In 2020, Pilot led a coup, almost toppling the Gehlot government. Though the party managed a temporary truce between the two leaders during the recent elections, it did not strike a chord with the electorate.

Congress leader G A Mir has been made the general secretary in-charge of Jharkhand with additional charge of West Bengal. Deepa Dasmunshi has been appointed the general secretary of Kerala and Lakshadweep with additional charge of Telangana. Dasmunshi replaces Tariq Anwar in Kerala.

Jitendra Singh, who is the general secretary in charge of Assam, has been given additional charge of Madhya Pradesh. Deepak Babaria, who is in-charge of Delhi, will have additional charge of Haryana. Syed Naseer Hussain will continue as in-charge of the Congress President's office and Pranav Jha as AICC secretary in-charge of communication of the Congress Chief's office.

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Govt. of Karnataka

KARNATAKA STATE
ROAD SAFETY AUTHORITY

Sri D K Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister
Govt. of Karnataka

Road Safety Campaign

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- Do not perform stunts on public road
- Wear helmet while riding two wheelers
- Wear seatbelt while driving four wheelers
- Do not use mobile and earphone while driving

An average of 109 crashes and 32 fatalities are occurring in Karnataka every day. That means about 4 to 5 crashes and one death every hour.

#(2022, https:/ksp.karnataka.gov.in/storage/pdf-filed,road Accident_Report_2022.pdf)

'YOUR SPEEDING CAN COST A FAMILY ITS FUTURE FOREVER'
This photo shows the family of a road crash victim K. N. Purushottama of Tumakuru. He was hit by a speeding driver in Bengaluru while on his way to a job interview on a motorcycle. The crash ruined his family

Shri Ramalinga Reddy,
Hon'ble Minister for
Transport & Muzrai
receives grievances from
the public.

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Dr. N.V. Prasad I.A.S., Secretary Transport Department
A.M. Yogeesh I.A.S., Commissioner for Transport & Road Safety
J. Purushotham Additional Commissioner & Member Secretary Karnataka State Road Safety Authority

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BRIGHTSIDE

SUNDAY 24.12.2023

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WEATHER — MIN 16°C | MAX 29°C — FORECAST Mostly sunny

Sunrise 6.38 am · Sunset 6.00 pm · Moonrise 4.30 pm · Moonset 4.55 am

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HOLLY-JOLLY X'MAS

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IT'S that time of the year again, when the stars are lit, the sound of carols fill the streets, the Christmas trees are decked up and Santa goes door-to-door with his sack of gifts. The festival, over the years, has evolved and it now primarily focuses on gathering together as a family. With Christmas in the air and the year coming to a close, folks in Karnataka are out on the streets shopping, hurrying to churches and singing carols on chilly nights. As Santa hops around town, leaving gifts at people's doorsteps, the young and old alike are all set to celebrate with much zeal and zest. Christmas is here and joy is in the air.

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1. An illuminated St Mary's Basilica in Bengaluru **2.** Decorative items for sale in Bengaluru **3.** Santa Claus always a joy for kids **4.** Children go shopping in Bengaluru **5.** A crib for the season **6.** Sacred Heart Church in Mangaluru at its glorious best **7.** St Joseph's Catholic Church in Hubballi **8.** Fairy lights for the festive night in Bengaluru **9.** St Philomena Church in Mysuru **10.** Bengaluru's Commercial Street enveloped in Christmas spirit | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, NAGARAJ GADEKAL, ALLEN EGENUSEJ, UDAYASHANKAR S, D HEMANTH

2023: A DANCE OF MULTIPLE FLU VIRUSES

HEALTH

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

WHILE most of the year 2023 had kept Covid-19 pretty much in the back of people's minds, a new viral mutation, JN.1, emerged as a scare, although mild but highly transmissible. The new variant and the scare is likely to take us through and into the new year. Experts are still researching whether the rising number of Covid cases are linked to the new sub-variant, but 2023, at least towards its fag end, has returned the old scare back to dominate people's minds.

During the Covid years (2020-early 2022), several viral variants came into circulation, but people were not exposed to them due to the lockdown.

The uncertainty of COVID-19 emerging and rapidly spreading had then resulted in a complete shutdown of the entire world. As isolation and mask-wearing became the 'new normal', to protect oneself from the virus, it weakened people's immunity in the post-pandemic era, such that after COVID-19, a viral fever wave was observed throughout the year instead of just through the climate-changing phases.

As viruses keep mutating, even doctors faced difficulties understanding the exact cause of the flu at certain times. The fear of Covid, which had gone — at least from people's minds — is back now and the cases are rising, thanks to the new variant JN.1 in neighbouring Kerala as well as Karnataka. The last few days of the year are seeing experts insisting on people — mainly the elderly, those with comorbidities and pregnant women — wearing masks and following Covid-appropriate behaviour (CAB) to minimise the risk of infection.

Now, with every changing season, some old viruses or their mutations are circulating leading to flu-like cases. Post-Covid, individuals are seen building an exaggerated immune response, which proactively reacts to viruses, causing fever or cold. The same has contributed to a surge in dengue/dengue-like cases in September 2023, and close to 60 per cent of the cases have been diagnosed as dengue-like due to a lack of study of the dengue-causing viruses.

Especially, Bengaluru, with an open drainage network, provided favourable breeding conditions for viruses and also caused an increase in virus-borne diseases. Throughout 2023, the city and the state witnessed frequent dengue, dengue-like cases, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) infections, viral pneumonia, conjunctivitis, and gastroenteritis cases in phases. While the weather-changing period saw a significant spikes in footfalls at the outpatient departments (OPDs), few cases were consistently seen during other times. Overall, 2023 has remained a year of viral infections of different kinds throughout, but now the year is exiting leaving a scare that could dominate minds and policies in the days to come.

2023 HIGHLIGHTS

438 Namma clinics launched

The Karnataka government inaugurated 438 namma clinics across Karnataka aiming to improve accessibility and provide preventive facilities within people's neighbourhoods. However, the clinics have received criticism from experts stating that it is 'gimmicky' and only were launched ahead of elections to gain a vote bank. Instead, the state must have invested in improving the already present health infrastructure.

K'taka 1st state to launch 'dementia action plan'

In order to ensure preparedness for an expected high incidence of dementia patients in India, the state declared it a public health priority. The action plan will focus on creating public awareness, reducing stigma, screening high-risk groups (above 60 years) for dementia, providing home-based caregiver assistance, and promoting brain health and mental health for overall well-being. The state will also maintain a registry to study the prevalence of the disease.

Rural service not mandatory for doctors

The state legislative assembly passed the Karnataka Compulsory Service by Candidates Completed Medical Courses (Amendment Bill), exempting MBBS graduates from mandatory rural service. However, this decision is reportedly taken to cut down on the salary expenses of doctors which takes a huge chunk in the health budget.

Single-use dialysis centres

Single-use dialysers and an increased number of dialysis centres were introduced to be set up across district and taluk-level hospitals. Experts have suggested it will reduce cross-infection among healthcare workers and patients. In case of haemodialysis, the same equipment is used multiple times after washing. The used dialyser and tubes have to be cleaned after every dialysis procedure.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

KMF buffalo milk finds many buyers

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), which commenced the sale of buffalo milk here on Friday on a trial basis, supplied 10,000 litres of milk. It started off with the sale of half-litre packets priced at Rs 35 each.

KMF officials stated that they received good response from the public. "A market assessment is in the process and a clear picture will be obtained only after Wednesday," said an official.

Further, KMF Nandini officials said the sale would not have been this high, with many leaving Bengaluru, ahead of the long weekend and the New Year. "So far, not a single packet has been left unsold or returned, making it evident that there is huge demand and a number of consumers for buffalo milk. Since it is on trial basis, the sale at present is limited to Bengaluru only," the official added. Previously, KMF had plans to introduce sale of buffalo milk in the state, but later decided to sell it in phases. KMF also launched curd lite -- a double-toned milk curd. The usual curd that is sold has 3 per cent fat, but this new variety has half the fat content.

KSRTC launches goods cargo services, 500 trucks to be added by 2024-end

Ramalinga Reddy flags off KSRTC cargo services in Bengaluru

Will start operations with 20 trucks and then scale up to 100 in the upcoming days.

Ramalinga Reddy, Transport Min

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has become the first public bus transportation entity in the country to launch a goods parcel service, using trucks. It has entered into a memorandum of understanding with KMS Coach Builders for lending cargo truck services on rent for two months. It has signed a similar agreement with SM Kannappa Automobiles for one month. Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, who flagged off the services, said, "Namma (Our) Cargo truck services with the tagline, 'Your Confidence, Our Concern', will start operations with 20 trucks and then scale up to 100 in the upcoming days. The aim is to have 500 trucks by the end of next year. The project is an ambitious initiative that intends to augment KSRTC's non-ticket revenues.

Reddy said the Basaveshwara bus station at Peenya will be utilised as a depot for operation and maintenance for cargo trucks. He added that the remaining vacant space in the non-functional bus station will be handed over to government companies to generate revenue.

"KSRTC had earlier ventured into the logistics business under the brand name 'Namma Cargo' to carry parcels on KSRTC route buses. Taking this forward, we introduced 'Namma Cargo truck service' fitted with GPS for goods transportation," said KSRTC MD Anbu Kumar.

Bengaluru Metro restarts stalled work

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FOLLOWING a report in TNIE on Friday (December 22) on stalled Metro construction work headlined 'Metro work stalled as 'real' land owner pours waste oil on pillar', work resumed after five days on Saturday. BMRCL Director, Projects and Planning D Radhakrishna Reddy, told TNIE, "BMRCL MD Anjum Parwez apprised Police Commissioner B Dayananda about the damage to the property and need for security to continue work. The top cop directed Mahadevapura police to provide security & inspector Praveen Babu facilitated it." Police told BMRCL that Syed Fayaz, who damaged the reinforcement with waste oil, also has other FIRs, Reddy said.

Work on readying the caps has begun on the four piers. When asked if the damaged pier cap had to be replaced, Reddy said, "The oil from the steel reinforcement bars will be cleaned using special construction chemicals.

EXPRESS IMPACT

International conference at NMIT

The second edition of International Conference on 'Emerging Research in Management and Applications-2023' under the theme 'Global Economic Turmoil: Transformation and Business Recovery Process' was organised on Saturday by the Department of Management Studies, Nitte Meenakshi Institute of Technology. The conference, organised in collaboration with Kettering University, USA, Asia Pacific University of Technology and Innovation, Malaysia, Mariano Marcos State University, Philippines and University of Dubai, UAE was inaugurated by Dr MS Moodithaya, Vice Chancellor, Nitte (Deemed to be University).

EXPRESS READ

Global Yoga Summit inaugurated

Bengaluru: Rotary Bangalore Global Yoga Club in association with Swami Vivekananda Yoga Research and Holistic Health Trust Yoga University of America, Miami and Florida inaugurated a two-day Global Yoga Summit (GYS) 2023, under the theme -Yoga for Mental Health on Saturday. Doctors, Yoga Gurus, Vedic Experts, Academicians and Yoga enthusiasts from across 21 countries participated in the Global Yoga Summit. Speaking at the inauguration, President of GYS 2023 Dr Yogi Devaraj said, "One of the key objectives of the summit this year is to provide a platform for yoga teachers/therapists and counsellors to explore opportunities to get more recognition for their work. The summit aims to create awareness on alternative drugless treatment methods like acupressure, acupuncture, reiki, pranic healing, reflexology amongst others and to increase awareness on how yoga can help people."

IIIT-B M.Tech courses from February

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THE International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B) announced an Executive Masters in Technology programme in Computer Science and Engineering, which will commence in February 2024. The M.Tech course will allow professionals working in the city to attend classes over the weekend and complete the degree in a minimum of two and half years, and a maximum of four years. The classes will be conducted onsite at the institute and participants will be exposed to a comprehensive curriculum designed to equip them with advanced knowledge and skills.

VN Muralidhara, Associate Professor at IIIT-Bangalore said, "The unique certification programme allows students to obtain two professional certifications during the programme. The goal of post-graduate programmes at IIIT-B is to develop professionals of high quality."

It offers a diverse range of elective courses, allowing students to tailor their education to specific interests. The curriculum includes key areas such as Algorithms, Enterprise Software Design, Machine Learning, Mathematics for Machine Learning, Networking and Communications.

A 23-year-old woman died, while her four-year-old son is said to be in critical condition from carbon monoxide poisoning after a leak from a gas geyser. The incident happened in Ashwath Nagar around 8.30 am on Saturday when the deceased, Ramya (23), a homemaker, was giving bath to her son, Samrat

No bail for 2 youth over cheating ISRO scientist

No delay in filing plaint, observes city court; cops say Delhi-based accused could be involved in similar cyber crimes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A city court rejected anticipatory bail petitions filed by two Delhi-based youth, who allegedly cheated a scientist working with ISRO in Bengaluru, on the pretext of seeking donations for Langar.

The accused are Kuldeep Singh (25) and Gurpreet Singh (24), residing in West Delhi. The Marathahalli police registered the crime under provisions of the Information Technology Act, based on the complaint filed by the scientist.

The complaint states that an unknown person from the Sikh community on August 17, 2023, came to the scientist's residence, seeking Langar charity, but the complainant refused to pay. Then, the accused requested the complainant to give drinking water, immediately after seeing the scientist unlocking the keypad of his mobile phone. When the complainant went inside to get water, the accused accessed the complainant's mobile phone and transferred Rs 41,800. The same day, on August 18, the scientist filed a complaint with National Portal, Cyber Crime.

The accused claimed before the court that they are innocent and the complainant sent the amount voluntarily. Also, the incident allegedly occurred on August 17, but the complaint was filed on October 11, which shows there is an inordinate delay in filing the complaint, they said.

Judge Kalpana MS, 64th Additional City Civil and Sessions Court, noted that the complainant filed the complaint immediately with the National Cyber Crime Portal and CCTV footage shows the presence of the accused at his residence. The contention of the accused that there was unexplained delay in taking action is without substance, the court added.

Referring to the investigating officer's report, the court said they had issued notice to the petitioners after verifying the UPI transaction and transfer of Rs 41,800 through four transactions. The police expressed apprehension that the petitioners could be involved in similar cyber crimes and a detailed interrogation is needed, the court added.

The court also noted that the petitioners claimed that they approached the complainant seeking charity, but have not placed any documents. There should be a copy of the receipt issued in favour of the complainant acknowledging payment, the court said.

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi at a conference on 'Making Indian Higher Education Globally Competitive' in Bengaluru on Saturday

Min: Decision to cap med seats on hold

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THE decision to cap medical seats has been put on hold after some states pointed out several issues on the matter, said Union Coal, Mines and Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi on Saturday.

The government understands that there is a need for more doctors in the country. Over 1,50,000 medical seats will be made available in India by 2029, he said at the national conference organised by COMED-K CARE and the Education Promotion Society for India (EPSI) on the theme 'Making Indian Higher Education Globally Competitive'.

"This will help poor children from the marginalised sector become doctors. In 2014, only 51,000 medical seats were available, but now the number has gradually increased to 1,10,000 seats. There has been an increase of 96% in medical seats since 2014. The capping of seats was a recommendation of the National Medical Commission (NMC) and not the decision of the government. It has been kept on hold now," the minister emphasised.

Joshi added that there was a need to upgrade the education system and that there was a requirement to upskill the youth. "For that to happen we need more investments from the private and government sectors," he said.

Medical Education Minister, Dr Sharan Prakash Patil also said upskilling and reskilling are the need of the hour. He added that every year not all engineering graduates in the state get jobs. The main reason for this is the lack of skill among students. "We have devised many plans to fill this. The gross enrolment is quite low in higher education in Karnataka. Despite over one lakh graduating engineering students, we have only some getting placed. That is what we need to focus on. We are looking at starting a skill university and promoting skilling courses that will provide more job opportunities," Dr Patil explained.

All India Technical Education Council president Dr T G Sitaram said, "We have brought a change in technical education. We have revised textbooks and made them available in 13 languages."

Dr MR Jayaram, President of Gokul Education Institute, was elected as new president of EPSI.

Principal held for forcing students to clean toilets

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

ANDHRAHALLI government school principal Lakshmidevamma, who allegedly forced students to clean school toilets, was arrested by the Byadarahalli police on Saturday.

The arrest was made based on a complaint filed by K G Anjanappa, Block Education Officer (BEO) of Bengaluru North Zone-1.

Police have booked Lakshmidevamma under provisions of the Juvenile Justice Act and Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act. The principal was produced before a court on Saturday and remanded in judicial custody.

On Friday, the principal was suspended by the Education Department. Parents and Kannada activists had staged a protest outside the school following this.

In a video that went viral on social media, the students were seen holding acid bottles and cleaning toilets with brooms.

CM says such acts extremely deplorable

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said forcing students to clean school toilets is extremely deplorable and such acts will not be tolerated. The Education Department has been directed to appoint staff to clean toilets in schools daily. "Officials have already taken action against teachers responsible for the cases that have been reported," the CM stated. The CM also directed the Minister of Social Welfare to keep tabs on hostels. Siddaramaiah has also advised the primary education minister that every school must have separate toilets for boys and girls and staff should be appointed to clean these toilets daily. "I have also sought a survey and get reports from the district education officers on this matter," he stated.

Karnataka sees 104 new Covid cases

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KARNATAKA on Saturday recorded 104 Covid-positive cases on Saturday, taking the total number of active cases to 271. However, no deaths have been reported.

While the state government had aimed to conduct 5,000 tests per day from Saturday, it only managed 1,752 tests on the day. The total positivity rate was at 5.93.

Meanwhile, Medical Education Minister Dr Sharan Prakash Patil inspected the Covid preparedness at Victoria Hospital. He visited the dedicated Covid ward and inquired about the availability of beds.

In Mysuru, Health and Family Welfare Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao reiterated that there will be no Covid restrictions during Christmas and New Year celebrations in the state. He also said, "We appeal to the people not to panic but to follow the health guidelines. There will be no restrictions for normal life.

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Positive cases	**104**
Active cases	271 (6 in ICU, 7 in general bed, 258 in-home isolation)
Tests done	**1,752**
Deaths	0
Positivity rate	5.93

20 INJURED AS PRIVATE BUS FALLS INTO LAKEBED ON CITY'S OUTSKIRTS

Bengaluru: Twenty people were injured, five of them seriously, when a speeding private bus rolled off the road and landed on Bidaraguppe lake bed on Sarjapur-Attibele road on the outskirts of Bengaluru city on Saturday. The police have detained bus driver Saleem Ullah. Around 50 people were in the bus when the accident occurred at 6 am. The bus was proceeding towards Om Shakthi in Tamil Nadu from Sarjapur via Sarjapur-Attibele road. The injured were rushed to Sri Sai Hospital at Attibele. The police said reckless driving by Saleem Ullah, a resident of Attibele, was the reason for the accident. It would have been a major tragedy had the bus plunged into the lake, they added. A few passengers and residents of Bidaraguppe alerted the police who rushed to the spot immediately. The Attibele police have registered a case. **ENS**

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **SRI. T. VELU,** S/o. Sri. Thangavelu proposed to purchase the schedule property from SRI. **M.K DINESH,** S/o. late M.C Muddukrishnaiah if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any objections for the proposed sale transaction or claims any kind whatsoever on the schedule property may lodge their claims/objections with documentary proof **within (7) Seven days** from the date of publication of this notice with the undersigned failing which thereafter my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction and any claims received thereafter will not be entertained.

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'LESSONS LEARNT FROM PAST, HEALTH DEPT ALL SET TO HANDLE COVID SURGE'

WITH the spike in Covid-19 cases, the fear of the virus is back to haunt people. While there are no rigid restrictions, Health Commissioner **Randeep D** underscores the importance of keeping the guard up to prevent any spread of infection. In an interview with *The New Sunday Express*, he spoke in detail about the new variant and measures taken by the health department. He also touched upon measures to curb female foetus abortions and progress in mental healthcare in Karnataka.

Can you explain the present Covid situation in the state and about the new variant JN.1?
The most important aspect for all of us to realise is that Covid is very much amongst us and to an extent that some would argue, it has become endemic. One of the things we have to watch out for is if any strains are different from the earlier ones. In a new strain we look at transmissibility i.e, the rate at which it is spreads and the severity. Its impact on health and does it lead to more hospitalisations and deaths. Information is still flowing in about JN.1 and this is a subvariant of Omicron which was in circulation earlier. There are high number of hospitalisations across the world and it is one of the fastest spreading variants. It is possible if one is infected at home, it spreads to the other family members. The data available now indicates that there are not many deaths and serious hospitalisations. Serious illness and death is largely among senior citizens and those with multiple comorbidities.

Many have taken double vaccines. Will it save people from getting infected?
Because of the additional mutation in the sub-strain JN.1, some theories indicate that it has the ability to evade acquired immunity. Double vaccinated are also getting infected. Vaccines provide protection and reduce the impact of the symptoms and to an extent, mortality, according to the World Health Organisation. But the jury is still out as to what extent the current vaccines will protect or if a further dose is required or do we need new vaccines that have come up. All these things have to be taken up and recommended by the Covid Technical Advisory Committee.

How well is the government prepared this time after learning lessons from the past?
Systems and protocols are in place now. The advantage is that the oxygen capability of the state has increased with almost every taluk and district hospital having Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) plants and LMO tanks in place. In case active cases increase in the coming days, it would take lesser time to ensure the hospital beds and related ICUs and infrastructure are made available. The support systems can be put in place faster now because of institutional memory and the infrastructure addition that is in place along with Covid protocols that have evolved over the last 3 years.

Can we call the current spike in Covid as the next wave?
We cannot jump the gun and term this a wave. We will conduct more than 5,000 tests per day and increase them in the coming days. We don't know what numbers will throw up with the ramped-up testing. We would like to look at some prediction models to plan our graded response better. Unlike our previous 'random testing' strategy, our current testing is 'targetted' -- at hospitals, amongst ILI / SARI patients and co-morbid etc. We expect the Covid numbers only to go up in coming days.

In the first wave, we knew where the virus was coming from. What is the scenario now?
JN.1 was first detected in Europe and has spread to other countries the like USA and Brazil. The population is highly mobile today and it is difficult to conclude where the first new variant came from. Kerala and Goa have already detected them and there are very good chances that they would have come from returnees from abroad, where it is already in circulation.

As the year comes to an end, there will be many who will be travelling. When they come back they may be infected...
Take precautions while travelling and once you are back, observe your health for a while. If you are not feeling well, isolate yourself and get tested. Do not ignore a cold or cough just as a viral infection in these times.

What is the government waiting for to impose strict restrictions to curb the spread at the initial stage?
We have two options before us – to clamp down and curb travel or to go for a graded response that is proportional to the anticipated threat. But the data as on date doesn't support harsh decisions. If we have a lead from the GoI or TAC or international trends indicating overwhelming hospitalisations or deaths, the government will appropriately consider recalibrating its response and impose strict restrictions. However, given the present scenario, unnecessary pressing the panic button is not needed and self-precaution is the order of the day. If things start heading south, the recently formed Cabinet Subcommittee on Covid will take appropriate decisions.

How long will Covid persist, considering the recurring emergence of new variants each time there is an assumption that it has been eradicated?
Over the course of various Covid waves, there have been significant changes in our approach to handle them. People have gained a better understanding of how to manage and live with the virus. For individuals in good health, Covid is like any other flu. Factors such as general immunity, overall fitness and good dietary practices play a substantial role in faster recovery. Given the challenges in finding a vaccine that can entirely prevent the disease, it is crucial to acknowledge that living amid surges in Covid is a reality today.

What are state health department's efforts to monitor every pregnancy test after an abortion racket was exposed recently?
Despite robust laws in place, the abortion racket has raised concerns, prompting an investigation into the underlying causes. Efforts are under way to understand why these abortions occurred, particularly examining whether gender bias, such as a preference for a male child or the presence of a second girl child, played a role. By analysing pregnancy termination data alongside the distribution of ultrasound scanning facilities, significant insights have been gained. The proactive monitoring of abortion data now extends to all districts, with ASHA workers instructed to report any pregnant women not attending their scheduled check-ups. Behind this issue lies a broader social concern where mothers, at times, are compelled to undergo abortions. We are collaborating with relevant departments to address this issue more effectively.

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Has every pregnancy been under surveillance?
We have set a mandate to comprehensively track the lifecycle of pregnant women. If a woman discontinues pregnancy at any stage, we conduct thorough cross-checks to determine the reasons for the abortion and where it took place. The abortions should only occur in registered clinics, with mandatory documentation requirements, in line with the MTP Act. More awareness is also needed.

Among migrant and labour class populations, how are monitoring and enforcement measures for pregnancy-related procedures being implemented?
Illegal abortions were observed across diverse backgrounds during our examination. In the case of the migrant population, tracking poses challenges due to their transient nature, with many not residing consistently in a specific place or state. This mobility makes monitoring and tracking more difficult in certain instances. However with better inter-state and inter-district coordination, this issue can be better addressed.

Do campaigns and restrictions related to abortions inadvertently impede a woman's right to terminate a pregnancy?
The current legislation explicitly outlines the conditions under which abortions can be performed, specifying factors such as the time frame, with a maximum limit of 24 weeks. Exemptions are granted for reasons like congenital abnormalities or teenage pregnancies or pregnancies where marital status has changed etc. It is crucial for people to be well-informed about the law and ensure that proper documentation is in place when seeking and undergoing an abortion. The illegality arises when one determines the sex of the foetus and then opts for an abortion.

Is there active monitoring in place to prevent instances of deception and fraud related to surrogacy, considering the prevalence of numerous surrogacy advertisements?
The IVF & Surrogacy sector, once unregulated, is now governed by the ART & Surrogacy Act, bringing oversight to both IVF / Surrogacy centres and also intending couples seeking surrogacy. Certification processes are now in effect to determine the eligibility for couples who wish to engage non-related surrogate mothers. These measures aim to prevent rampant commercialisation of surrogacy. Additionally, while technology can help in infertility issues, it can potentially be misused for gender determination and hence a legal frameworks are in place to address and regulate such issues.

Surrogacy ads are being displayed and many have become victims. Is the government doing anything to monitor it?
This used to be an unregulated sector. Assisted Reproductive Test (ART) and Surrogacy Act came into force recently. There is a regulation on such centres, be it (in-vitro fertilisation) IVF or an intending couple who want to have a child through surrogacy. The health commissioner is the designated authority for approving intending couples and surrogate mothers. A process is in place now. There is an upfront declaration to ensure it does not become 'commercial'. Even this technology can be misused in sex determination i.e. in choosing the gender of a child, which is illegal and that is where the law comes in. The Act has recently come and we are in the process of registering all the centers. This is the area we have to prioritise on a big scale. The public hospitals do not have IVF facilities and hence people opt for private institutes. The need for regulation of this sector requires more attention.

What about mental health services in Karnataka?
We have a robust mental health programme, far ahead of any other state. We have implemented DMHP in all districts since 2016 and we are also probably the first state to move into taluk mental health programme. We give about 10 lakh consultations in PHIs for mental health issues. We have collaborated with premier institutes like NIMHANS, which have converged their efforts with state mental health initiatives especially innovations like e-Manas, suicide prevention programme, Kishor swavalamban programme, assisted home care, Maathruchaithanya, brain health initiative and so on.

We also have a special flagship program the 'Mano Chaitanya', which we have named as Super Tuesday clinics. In this programme, people with mental illness come to Primary Health Centers and taluka hospitals and avail Counselling and treatment. The government of India launched 'tele manas'-14416 and handling cases in a big way. People have access to mental health because of the platform available today. Post-Covid, many people reached out and started to open up about their mental health issues. We had a lot of celebrations speaking about the issue. The state is supporting mental health programmes and a lot of NGOs are also working. In 2024, people will hear about more mental health initiatives.

How is the telemedicine programme in Karnataka?
It is a very important component. For all kinds of cardiac care, people had to come to either Jayadeva or major medical hospitals. Now the 'Hub and Spokes STEMI management model', where the consultation of a cardiologist is available over a video call, has helped in timely cardiac services at taluks. Under another model now, we have 10-bed ICUs in taluk hospitals being monitored from the hub hospital in Mysuru. Soon, another batch of 10-bed ICUs across taluks will be launched by the state government with Hubballi as hub. We will use medical colleges as hubs to rope in cardiologists and other specialists. The unnecessary referrals that used to happen from primary health centers / taluk hospitals are reduced as the hospitals can do consultations over video calls. A camera is fitted and all vital parameters are reflected on screens of specialists sitting at district hospitals and hence patients can get treated at taluk hospital ICUs, instead of coming to district hospitals.

People with medical backgrounds become top bureaucrats and this can be an added advantage, what is your take?
The higher echelons in administration are all about understanding and grasping ground-level issues and personnel management, ensuring an effective managerial structure is put in place and delivering the outcomes expected. This can be done by a person with reasonable common sense, good personnel management skills and one who understands the system at the ground level. But yes, in my humble opinion, bureaucrats with medical or technical backgrounds have reasonably done better. If you see in this department too, 90 per cent would comprise doctors, nurses, paramedical and technical staff. Even at Arogya Soudha, the Commissionerate of Health, we have able administrators among medical professionals. Public health specialists and clinical specialists handle administrative charges and this helps delivery of department schemes better.

How long we may have to live with Covid fear?
Covid is one that we cannot wish away soon. We will always have to be cautious to remain one step ahead of the evolving virus. You don't lose anything by being cautious. But one may lose out a lot if they are careless as we have seen during the earlier Covid waves. Almost everybody has lost a near or dear one or has been hospitalised. Repeated exposure to Covid-19 is not good for one's overall health as we do not know what impact it has in the long term, on the quality of life and our life span as a whole. Hence lets be aware and cautious and dodge the virus.

K'taka Cong leaders caught off-guard by 'Kharge for PM' pitch

KARNATAKA Congress had every reason to celebrate when West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal suggested I.N.D.I.A alliance parties to project AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge as the Opposition's PM face. Projecting one of the most seasoned politicians in India for the top post can be a trump card for Congress, at least in Karnataka, which is playing a significant role in the party's revival attempts at the Centre.

But, strangely the suggestion was not received with much enthusiasm. There is a studied silence on the issue in the Congress president's home state. Except for a few leaders from the Kalyana Karnataka region, not many senior leaders in the party have spoken about it.

After the TMC and AAP leaders sprang a surprise, the veteran leader handled the issue deftly by emphasising on first winning the polls before discussing other aspects.

Political stratagem in the best interest of their parties might have been the reason for the allies' suggestion. However, it created a great deal of discomfiture within the Grand Old Party, which has invested heavily in Rahul Gandhi's leadership. The development seems to have caught the party leaders off-guard.

As one senior Congress leader aptly put it: "The suggestion to project Kharge as PM face will neither be welcomed nor will it be discussed much. When everybody in the party wanted Rahul Gandhi to be the Prime Minister, how can anyone in the party now talk about projecting Kharge for the PM post," he questioned. All senior Congress leaders in Karnataka, including Kharge, are Gandhi family loyalists.

The development seems to have put the state Congress leaders in Karnataka in a delicate situation. So much so, for the time being, they will not even be in a position to speak authoritatively about Rahul Gandhi becoming the PM as that could be perceived as rejecting the suggestion to project Kharge for the top post. State leaders will be hoping for a clear strategy and a statement from the Central leadership to bail them out of this peculiar situation.

Some leaders do not see anything wrong with TMC and AAP leaders' suggestions. Senior leader and Congress MLA Basavaraj Rayareddy had suggested Kharge's name for the PM post almost six months back, in July this year. According to him, if Congress and I.N.D.I.A decide, Kharge would be the most appropriate prime ministerial candidate as he is a leader with vast administrative experience and a development-oriented politician.

Kharge's good rapport with the party leaders from all the communities and regions, and his political acumen played an important role in ensuring that the entire Karnataka Congress worked as one cohesive unit to win the May 10 assembly polls. That set the ball rolling for the party and even allies started taking it more seriously.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah may be a charismatic leader with pan-Karnataka appeal and Deputy Chief Minister and State Congress president DK Shivakumar is known for his dynamism, but it was Kharge who ensured that they worked as a team in the best interest of the party. That was a much bigger challenge then.

Some leaders in the party also feel that projecting Kharge for the top post may help galvanize the party cadres, consolidate Dalit votes, and to some extent also get the Lingayat community's backing. But it is difficult to say if all the top leaders in the party show the same enthusiasm.

In 2019, almost all senior Congress leaders, including Kharge lost the Lok Sabha polls, that too when the party was in power in the state. In Kalaburagi, Dr Umesh Jadav, who had left Congress to join the BJP just before the Lok Sabha polls had defeated Kharge on his home turf by a margin of nearly one lakh votes. Veteran leader and Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa, who had won seven LS elections on the trot, lost in Kolar, as did former CM Veerappa Moily in Chikkaballapura.

Kharge was elected to the Rajya Sabha, while Muniyappa won assembly polls this year to become a minister in the Siddaramaiah government.

This time around, it is still not clear if Kharge will contest from Kalaburagi. Political circles in his home district are abuzz with talks of his son-in-law contesting the LS polls, while the senior leader could focus on his responsibility as the AICC president and devote more time to keep I.N.D.I.A bloc together to take on the BJP.

As the BJP uses the latest development to mock Rahul Gandhi's leadership and tries to make the most of the I.N.D.I.A allies' googly that has landed top Congress leadership on the defensive, the party leaders and cadre in the AICC president's home state can hardly respond to it without getting a clear direction from their central leadership.

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CM included in Cong LS manifesto committee

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will be part of the Congress' Manifesto Drafting Committee for the Lok Sabha polls. He is the only member from Karnataka in the committee, headed by former finance minister P Chidambaram. He termed the party's decision as a recognition of the 'Karnataka Model of Governance'. Siddaramaiah said the party's manifesto is not just a list of promises to voters, but a commitment they make to the people and implementing it is the true essence of governance. "Our previous government had implemented more than 95% of the promises in the manifesto," he stated.

Caste census should reflect reality, says Khandre at Lingayat Mahasabha meet

DAVANAGERE: Akhila Bharatha Veerashiva Mahasabha General Secretary and Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre on Saturday said he is not against the caste-based, socio-economic census, but the present census is not acceptable as it is not scientific. Addressing the 24th national convention of the Mahasabha here, he said the census should be done afresh in a scientific way, based on realtime data. All the legislators from the community are demanding it, he added. The present data has not covered all the subsects of the community together, and it is far from reality, he said. "Basava philoshopy is being practised by a large section of people and the realtime data helps bring out the exact numbers," he added. "Though we are eligible for Central OBC tag, we have not got it. It is our duty to build pressure on the Centre to get the tag," he stated.

State BJP gets new team: Nirani VP, Sunil Kumar general secretary

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AFTER appointing BY Vijayendra as president of the state unit, BJP announced the state office-bearers on Saturday. The new team consisting of ten vice-presidents, four general secretaries, 10 state secretaries and heads of various frontal organisations is expected to play an important role ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

While senior leaders, who have openly expressed displeasure over Vijayendra's appointment, have been kept out of the new team, former ministers Murugesh Nirani, Byrati Basavaraj, Rajugowda, N Mahesh and Malavika Avinash are among the vice-presidents.

Former minister and MLA V Sunil Kumar, whose name was also doing the rounds for the state president's post, has been appointed state general secretary along with P Rajiv, NS Nandish Reddy and J Preetham Gowda. Former Hassan MLA Preetham Gowda's appointment shows the BJP's continued efforts to make inroads into the JDS and Congress bastion of Old Mysuru, especially former PM HD Deve Gowda's home district Hassan.

As BJP and JDS have forged an alliance for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the new team needs to work with the regional party.

Shailendra Beldale from Bidar, DS Arun from Shivamogga, Basavaraj Mattimod from Kalaburgi, Lalitha Anapur from Yadgir, Dr Laxmi Ashwin Gowda from Mandya, Ambika Hulinaykar from Tumakuru are among 10 state secretaries.

Meanwhile, C Manjula from Shivamogga has been appointed head of the Mahila Morcha and Dheeraj Muniraju from Bengaluru has been appointed state president of BJP Yuva Morcha. Bangaru Hanumantu from Ballari will be president of ST Morcha, S Manjunath (Cement Manju) from Hassan, SC Morcha; Raghu Kautilya from Mysuru, Backward Classes Morcha; AS Patil Nadahalli from Vijayapura, Raita Morcha and Anil Thomas from Mysuru, Minorities Morcha.

The Samyukta Kisan Morcha has set a one-month deadline to the state and union governments to waive off farm loans, failing which the 'Delhi Chalo' protest will begin. The decision was taken by farmer leaders at the 'National Farmers' Conference' in Bengaluru on Saturday

KISHOR MEETING NAIDU CREATES BUZZ AROUND '24 POLLS

Andhra elections look like a showdown between political strategy consultancies

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IN a surprising political move, Prashant Kishor, a well noted political strategist, arrived at Vijayawada on Saturday along with TDP general secretary Nara Lokesh and had meeting with TDP supreme N Chandrababu Naidu at latter's residence in Undavalli.

Sudden appearance of Prashant Kishore in Vijayawada and his meeting with Naidu triggered speculations that he might work with Chandrababu Naidu for 2024 elections as his political strategist.

Soon after his arrival, he along with Lokesh and Rajesh Kilaru, who is an aide of Lokesh and Shantanu Singh, one of the directors of Show Time, a political strategy consultancy hired by Naidu, went to TDP chief's residence and had a closeted meeting. Robin Singh heading the Show Time also joined the meeting there.

Sources said the discussions were primarily focused on prevailing political situation in Andhra Pradesh and possible strategies that could be adapted. They said Prashant Kishor will work together with Show Time consultancy in suggesting election strategies to TDP. It was learnt that during the meeting that lasted for more than couple of hours, Prashant Kishor highlighted different failures of YSRC government and suggested an action plan for highlighting them.

However, in a brief interaction with mediapersons while leaving Vijayawada at Gannavaram Airport, Prashant Kishor said it was just a courtesy call. "Chandrababu Naidu is a prominent senior leader and my meeting with him was just a courtesy call. There is no need for any speculations," he said and left.

As the things are unfolding on political front in Andhra Pradesh, the 2024 elections looks like a showdown between political strategy consultancies with Prashant Kishor on one side and Rishi Raj, the co-founder of (Indian Political Action Committee) on the other side.

When it comes to alliances, TDP is already in poll alliance with Jana Sena Party in the state and at meeting in Vizianagram marking the culmination of Yuva Galam padayatra of Nara Lokesh. JSP chief Pawan Kalyan said that he had already sought the blessings of BJP top brass for the TDP-JSP alliance in the state, which he said was the need of the house. However, with entry of Prashant Kishor, sources observed that TDP might lean more towards Congress, given the political strategists ideological similarities with the grand old party. It should also be noted that BJP, which is in alliance with JSP, is yet to make up its mind with regard to alliance with TDP.

Sources said in 2024 elections, the contest would be between YSRC and TDP-JSP-Left and possibly Congress. However, TDP insiders say that political situation in the state is still fluid and no decision has been made except for alliance with JSP.

BJP attacks Siddu over his stand on hijab row

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"Did any Muslim leader insist that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah withdraw the hijab ban? He should stop doing such political 'dombarata' (somersault) as he cannot satisfy the Muslim community with this. Forgetting that the people will teach Congress a lesson, he has been talking about it. I strongly condemn it," said former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, here on Saturday.

Replying to Siddaramaiah's statement that the government is deliberating on withdrawing the hijab ban in schools and colleges, Yediyurappa urged the CM to step back from taking a decision.

"BJP treats people from all communities - Hindus, Christians and Muslims -- as the children of one mother and Siddaramaiah is against it. The hijab ban was implemented to stop differentiation among students," he said. He said there is no need to take up a struggle over the issue. The Congress government is trying to divert the attention of the people as it has failed to implement the guarantees, he added.

Leader of Opposition R Ashoka too said the government is trying to divert the attention of the people from its failures. The government is trying to avoid embarrassment it faced because of disrobing of an ST woman in Belagavi and schoolchildren forced to clean the septic tank He also alleged, "Siddaramaiah has a Tipu Sultan's mindset and has made it a habit to divide society, which is in his blood."

BJP state president BY Vijayendra alleged that Siddaramaiah has been trying to divide the youth on the lines of religion.

Senior BJP leader Basanagouda Patil Yatnal said he will give a call to Hindu students in schools and colleges across the state to wear saffron shawls and attend the classes as Siddaramaiah has said that anybody can wear any clothes. "Siddaramaiah lacks information. There is no order banning hijab in the state. Although the Karnataka High Court has said that local colleges can decide on the implementation of uniform policy in schools and colleges, Siddaramaiah is working to suspend the uniform policy of schools and colleges for politics," he posted on 'X'.

Law should treat all equally: Pejawar Mutt seer

Vishvaprasanna Shripad seer of Pejawar Mutt, Udupi, spoke to repoters on Saturday and shared his opinion on the hijab row in Karnataka. "Siddaramaiah is the Chief Minister to all people of the state. Withdrawing the ban on hijab in state is not right, and will create imbalance in the equality to the people. The government should make laws which are equal and applicable for all. It is not right to make laws with the intention to target one community or tribe. Recently, there were rules that a candidate had to remove her 'Mangalsutra', 'earrings', 'toe ring' before attending a competitive examination, while the candidate of another community was allowed to attend the examination without removing 'Hijab'. The CM should not run an administration like this," the seer advised.

SEEKING BLESSINGS

Devotees offer prayers on the occasion of Vaikuntha Ekadashi at TTD Venkateshwara temple in Bengaluru on Saturday | ALLEN EGENUSE J

EXPRESS READ

Hindu activists harass couple in Mangaluru

Mangaluru: In yet another case of 'moral policing', a youth and his female friend were harassed by three Hindutva activists in Mangaluru on Thursday when they were heading to railway station. The two of them, were residents of Kerala who were stopped at Hampanakatte, and were asked for their ID cards. When they tried to escape in an autorickshaw, he stopped the auto and scolded the driver. People intervened and diffused the situation. A case has been registered in Mangaluru North police station under sections 341, 504 of the Indian Penal Code. The accused, Sandesh, 28, and his associates Prashanth 31 yrs, and Ronith also 31 yrs, were arrested.

HOLIDAY RUSH

Motorists stuck in traffic for several hours

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HUNDREDS of motorists got stuck on the Bengaluru-Mysuru access-controlled highway for several hours. Those who took the road said they got stuck in traffic though they left home early in the morning.

"As we reached Kengeri, we saw hundreds of cars and other vehicles lined up on the highway. We had a harrowing time till we entered the Bengaluru-Mysuru Access Controlled Highway," said Prashanth, who headed to Mysuru.

He attributed the traffic jam to Ekadeshi and Christmas holidays from Monday. Many had not recharged their Fastag and were asked to pay double the toll fee. This was another reason for the traffic jam. "This usually happens as motorists do not check their Fastag balance before starting their journey," he said.

The situation was no different on Hosur road. "The traffic jam was because many headed towards Kerala via Hosur road for Christmas and New Year celebrations as many corporate offices in Bengaluru had declared holidays," Balachandar, a techie, said. Many fliers had a tough time in reaching KIA due to heavy traffic on Ballari road. A constable attached to Channapatna traffic police station said the traffic jam on Bengaluru-Mysuru highway was because of back-to-back holidays.

"It took more than three hours to reach Mysuru from Bengaluru on Saturday, which otherwise would be less than two hours," he said.

CET to be held on April 20, 21

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KARNATAKA Examination Authority is set to conduct the CET 2024 for courses like engineering, pharmacy, veterinary science and agriculture on April 20 and 21, 2024. Ramya S, Executive Director, KEA, on Friday said that the registration and filling of applications will begin from Jan 10, 2024.

For the first time, there is a common application for the exam and counselling for all professional courses including Medical, Dental, and AYUSH.

Candidates have been asked to enter their correct RD (Revenue Documents) number while filling up the online application, without which the process is incomplete. If a candidate has a caste certificate without an RD number, they have to obtain a new certificate containing an RD number or they will not be eligibile for caste reservation.

Students aspiring for Architecture, BPT, BSc Allied Health Sciences, and BPO course must also fill in their applications.

For more queries mail to keaugcet2024@gmail.com.

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South by: Government Land (presently Private Property)
ITEM No. 2 All piece and parcel of the Immovable land bearing Survey Number No. 37Measuring an extent of 7acres 17 guntas, Survey Number No. 38 Measuring an extent of 7acres 28 guntas, Survey Number No. 39 Measuring an extent of 5 acres 32 guntas, All the Lands are Situated at Balajigapade, Nandi hills , Chickballapur Taluk District, bearing Khatha No. 1 (the said survey numbers 37 to 39 having old sy.no. 18, and bound on the: **East by :** Angarekanahalli Road
West by: Government Land (presently Private Property) **North by :** Government Land (presently Private Property) **South by:** Government Land (presently Private Property)
The item No. 1 and 2 of the schedule property is totally measuring 83 Acres 7 Guntas of DRY land and the aforesaid Original Sale Deed, Mother deed All other Original documents Related to this property has been lost/misplaced while Shifting the House and he has made best efforts in tracing the same but efforts were in vain, Further My client is lodging a police complaint in Cubbon park PS, if anyone found the aforesaid document, kindly contact at the office address given below.

Tushar B.A., LLB, Advocate,
#G16, CD block Golden orchid apt.
Kasturba road banglore
Mobile No.9035693353, 9742003920.

QuoteExpress
IF YOU'RE GOING THROUGH HELL, KEEP GOING

VISVESVARAYA TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
(State University of Government of Karnataka Established as per the VTU Act, 1994)
'Jnana Sangama', Belagavi - 590 018, Karnataka ,India

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for temporary positions under the REWARD project sanctioned to Department of Civil Engineering, VTU Belagavi by the Watershed Development Department, Government of Karnataka.
For more details visit to VTU **websitewww.vtu.ac.in**

Registrar, VTU

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are undertaking due diligence on the title of the property more fully described in the Schedule hereunder which are owned by its respective owners mentioned herein.
If any body has any charge, lien, interest or title or claim in the Schedule Property, they should come forth with copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural dry land bearing following survey numbers situated at **Manchanayakanahalli Village, Bidadi Hobli, Ramanagara Taluk, Ramanagara District** totally ad-measuring **14 Guntas,** and bounded as follows:

Sl. No.	Sy. No.	OWNER'S NAME	Extent	Boundaries			
				East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	38/2B1	Mrs. Rajkumari Jain (Wife of Raj Kumar Jain), earlier owned by Ms Lavanya (Daughter of Muralidhar S)	0.10.08 Guntas	Survey No. 38/2B2;	Survey No. 38/3	Road	Pinakini Layout.
2.	38/4 (earlier part of 38/2B1)	Mr. Panduranga Patak .M	0.03.08 Guntas	Land belonging to S.B. Rajanna;	Land belonging to Muralidhar S.	Road	Land belonging to Muralidhar S.

Vaishali Basawanal, Advocate **VSB Law Associates**
312, III Level, Prestige Meridian II, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560 001,
Ph No: 9844091496 email : vaishalib70@gmail.com
Date: 23-12-2023 Place: Bangalore

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT & PANCHAYATI RAJ
(An Organisation of the Ministry of Rural Development, Govt. of India)
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad-500030

On Deputation

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR) an autonomous organization under the Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India is country's apex organization for undertaking Training and Research in various aspects of Rural Development. NIRD&PR, invites online applications from the eligible candidates for the below mentioned post on deputation basis.

Name of the Post	Pay Matrix Level	Age limit	Number of Posts
Accounts & Finance Officer	Pay Level - 8 (Rs.47,600 - Rs.1,51,100)	56 years	01

For eligibility criteria, online submission of application and other details please visit: **http://career.nirdpr.in/**
Last date for submission of online application is **23/01/2024.**

Advt.No.39/2023
File No: NIRDPR/Admin/Section-I/2023/36
Comp.no. 15362

Sd/-
Assistant Director
Administration (Section-I)

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount	Bid Submission Last Date
1	Development of Smart Roads and Underground Ducting including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area under Smart City Mission Corporation Roads in Thiruvananthapuram.			
1.1	Marakkada Road (ID 43)	2023_SCTLT_627783_1	Rs.1,26,11,036/-	27-Dec 2023
1.2	Pazhayasalai Road (ID 44)	2023_SCTLT_627820_1	Rs.2,19,26,153/-	27-Dec 2023
1.3	Punnackal Lane (ID 59)	2023_SCTLT_626123_1	Rs.2,82,97,346/-	27-Dec 2023
1.4	Pumping Station Road (ID 45)	2023_SCTLT_617140_4	Rs.4,97,44,352/-	29-Dec 2023
1.5	Shanthi Nagar (ID 73)	2023_SCTLT_626242_2	Rs.1,95,65,177/-	29-Dec 2023
1.6	Ruby Nagar Road Road (ID 184)	2023_SCTLT_628144_2	Rs.82,65,245/-	29-Dec 2023
1.7	Vrindavan Colony Road (ID 183)	2023_SCTLT_627989_2	Rs.2,75,87,578/-	29-Dec 2023
1.8	Thyvilla road (ID 72)	2023 SCTLT_626141_2	Rs.2,17,95,408/-	3-Jan 2024
1.9	Ananthankadu Temple Road (ID 64)	2023_SCTLT_627947_2	Rs.82,63,985/-	3-Jan 2024

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To Be Intimated Separately to Technically Qualified Bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in

(Sd/-), CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM Ltd.

COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE
(A Statutory Authority of Government of India under Architects Act, 1972)
India Habitat Centre, Core 6A, 1st Floor, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003
website: www.nata.in, www.coa.gov.in

EXAMINATION NOTICE: NATA-2024
Subject:- Announcement of NATA-2024 for admission into 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree Program.

The Council of Architecture is pleased to announce that National Aptitude Test in Architecture (NATA) 2024 shall be conducted by the Council on all Saturdays and Sundays starting from April to July, 2024 in two sessions, subject to availability of number of candidates registered for the session.

The NATA-2024 Brochure containing details of eligibility criteria for appearing in NATA, syllabus and registration process along with other important details is available on the websites www.nata.in and www.coa.gov.in.

The registration for NATA 2024 would commence from 01.02.2024. Candidates desirous to take admission into 1st year of 5-year B.Arch. degree Program at CoA approved architectural institutions during 2024-2025 are required to pass an aptitude test in Architecture.

New Delhi
Dated : 23.12.2023

Registrar

PIRAMAL CAPITAL AND HOUSING FINANCE LTD
(Formerly Known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.)
CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-601,6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (west), Mumbai-400070 –T +91 22 3802 4000
Branch Office: No. 13, Old No. 5, 1st Main Road Near Kodava Samaja, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560052
Contact Person: 1. Anand Kumar N – Phone : 9538534358 2. Rakesh Chander - 9663368260 3. Vishal Ketele - 9584966653

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE – SUBSEQUENT SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (Formerly Known as DHFL) under the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis'** and **'Whatever Is There Is Basis',** Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/Branch/ Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (21-12-2023)
Loan Code No. 12700002765 & 12700002732, Bengaluru S V Koramangala (Branch), K Srinivas Rao Chavan (Borrower), Usha Bai (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 27-03-2019, Rs. 920992/-, (Rs. Nine lakh Twenty Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Two Only) & Dt: 27-03-2019, Rs. 20173860/-, (Rs. Two Crore One lakh Seventy Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Site No.23, Katha No.52, by Rahanumaiah Co NA Anjanappa Layout, Pattanagere Village Anjanappa Layout, Pattanagere Village Div.ramanahalli, Kengeri Hobli Bengaluru Karnataka IN 560040 Boundaries As :- North :- Site No: 24 South :- 40 feet Road East :- 20 feet Road West :- Site No: 21 & 22	Rs.24187500/-, (Rs. Two Crore Forty One lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs.2418750/-, (Rs. Twenty Four lakh Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Only)	Rs.1875387/-, (Rs. Eighteen lakh Seventy Five Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Seven Only) & Rs.38597286/-, (Rs. Three Crore Eighty Five lakh Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Six Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 17-01-2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 16-01-2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.
For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-Auction.html or email us on piramal.auction@piramal.com

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR
The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date : 24.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-
(Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India BOI JNANAJYOTHINAGAR BRANCH
No. 32/33, Press Layout bus Stop, Ullal Village Main Road, Panchanna Building, Muneshwara Nagar, Bangalore-560056.

GOLD JEWEL PUBLIC AUCTION NOTICE

The following borrowers have availed jewel loans and failed to redeem the same within the stipulated time inspite of repeated notices. If they fail to redeem the pledged jewels, the same will be sold in public on **10.01.2024 time:4.00PM** in Branch Premises. The public notice is also notice to borrower and applies to the legal heirs of the deceased borrower if any. A copy of this notice is sent by registered post AD to redeem the gold within the period.

Sl No.	Account No.	Borrower Name and Address	Net Weight	Outstanding Balance
1	84247761 0000361	**Mr. Deepak S** C/o Subbaiah, NO.603, 6th Floor, North Block, Pramuk M M Meridian Apartment ,Jayanagar Begaluru-560070.	1078.00 gm	49,32,720/- +Uncharged interest from 22.10.2023
2	84247371 0000272	**Mr.Sureshkumar M** 221 Suryodhaya 1st cross 6th Main Road ,Bhavani Nagar RAilway layout 1st stage Karnataka - 560056.	34.50 gm	91,865.14+unchar ged interest from 23.02.2023

Those willing to participation in public auction have to pay **10%** of the reserve price so fixed as EMD on or before **10.01.2024 time: 4.00PM** EMD will be Refundable to the unsuccessful bidders. Successful bidders have to pay the bid amount in cash on the spot. Branch Manager Reserve the right to cancel / postpone the Auction or any part of the auction without any notice / assigning any reason.

Date : 22.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of India

KERALA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LTD
(DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE, GOVT. OF KERALA)
Head Office : Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram-14,
(Telephone No. 0471-2945600, 2945646)
E-mail : edrugs.kmscl@kerala.gov.in,
website : www.kmscl.kerala.gov.in, CIN No. U24233KL2007SGC021616

No.KMSCL/ED/40/2023 **Date : 23.12.2023**

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited from manufacturers/direct importers / loan licensees on behalf of Department of Health, Govt of Kerala for the procurement of following categories of drugs / supplies for the year 2024-25.

Sl. No.	Tender No. and Date	Category	No. of Items
1.	KMSCL/ED/I&II/RC/2023/020 dtd. 23.12.2023	Drugs	412
2.	KMSCL/ED/III-VIII/RC/2023/021 dtd. 23.12.2023	Consumables & Surgical items	161
3.	KMSCL/ED/SPL/RC/2023/022 dtd. 23.12.2023	Specialty Drugs	152

Schedule of dates

	Date	Time
Pre-Tender meeting (online platform)	27.12.2023	11.00 am. onwards
Last date of online uploading of tenders	09.01.2024	05.00pm.
Date of technical bid opening	12.01.2024	11.00 am. onwards

Tenders shall be downloaded and submitted online through the e-tender portal **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in.**

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

KLM AXIVA FINVEST LTD

4th Floor, Door No. 1871A24 VM Plaza, Civil Line Road, Palarivattom, Cochin - 682025, Ph: 7558865300

AUCTION NOTICE

KLM Axiva Finvest Ltd has decided to bid the Mortgage items in a systematic manner undermentioned branches on 28.12.2023 therefore, the customers interested in the repayment or renewal with interest repayment should contact their respective branches before the auction period. however, in the event of a failure to make the auction due to the above reasons, the operator's shall have full authority to postpone the auction proceeds to the place for conducting the auction without any further notice. KLM AXIVA FINVEST LTD. VM Plaza, Civil lane road, Palarivattom.

2nd Auction date & Time : 08.01.2024 ,10.00 AM Auction centre : Door No: 22, First Floor, Guru Plaza, Hosur Main Road, Madiwala, Bengaluru, 560068 (Banglore Urban District) AKSHAYANAGAR 202304040100045 BAGALURU 202304320100083 202304320100103202304320100105
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Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)
(Under Department of Pharmaceuticals, Govt. of India)
E-1, 8th Floor, Videocon Tower, Jhandewalan Extn., New Delhi-110055
Telephone: 011-49431800 | Website: janaushadhi.gov.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

BEWARE OF FRAUD CALLS ABOUT JAN AUSHADHI

It has come to the notice of the **Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI)** erstwhile known as Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) which is the implementing agency of **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)** that few persons are giving misleading information about PMBI and PMBJP with a fraudulent motive and attempting to cheat people by offering them opening of a 'Jan Aushadhi Kendra' or for allotment of a distributorship by asking a deposit of Rs. 5000/- or more amount.

PMBI clarifies that all the authentic information regarding the Pariyojana is published on the official website which is **www.janaushadhi.gov.in**

PMBI cautions all the stakeholders that beware of fraud and do not indulge in any activity/transaction with such persons claiming to be employees of Jan Aushadhi or PMBI. They must check authentic information on the Toll Free Number **1800 180 8080**. State wise list of marketing officers of PMBI alongwith their phone number is also available on the official website, who should be contacted, if needed.

PMBI will not hold itself responsible if anyone indulges with any such person or interacts with other than the official website of the PMBI.

CEO, PMBI

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client **M/s Nagapura Credit Co-operative Society Limited,** No.411, 5th Main Road, 12th Cross, 2nd Stage, Mahalakshmipura, Bengaluru-560086, is intending to purchase the below mentioned in the Schedule from **Smt. V. Varalakshmi W/o Sri R. Kumar,** No.48/105/2, Khata No.76, L.G. Ramanna Layout, Ward No.69, Laggere, Bengaluru-560058. It is represented by the Owner that, they have acquired the Sale Deed dated 20.07.2022 registered as Document No. LAG-1-02752-0222-23, Stored in CD No. LAGD-1160, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Laggere, (Rajajinagar). On behalf of M/s Nagapura Credit Co operative Society Limited, represented by Chairman Sri. K. Mayakrishna is proposed to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property. Any Persons objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **30 (Thirty) days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claims/objections.

:SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All the that piece and parcel of the immovable residential property bearing Vacant Site No.48, Converted in Sy No.105/2, earlier it was in the limit Dasarahalli Municipal Ward No.30, Municipal Khata No.76, Presently coming under limit of **BBMP Ward No.69, Present BBMP Khata No.76, As per Khata, Property No.48/105/2** in **L.G. Ramanna Layout, situated at Laggere Village, Yashwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 sq.ft and bounded on the :-**East by :** Site No.47, **West by :** Site No.49, **North by :** Site No.43, **South by :** Road.

B.S. JEEVAN KUMAR, Advocate,
701, Queens Corner A, 3, Queens Road, Bengaluru-560 001. Mob: +91-9845120057

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India **BOI**

HSR LAYOUT BRANCH, 50, 20th Cross, 18th Main, Sector 3, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560102, HSRLAYOUT.Bengaluru@bankofindia.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule-8 (1)] (for Immovable)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **Bank of India,** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12), read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **25-05-2023** calling upon the borrower **Mrs. Chaitra Chandrashekar Shetty,** Sy.No.231, Site No.21, Channasandra Layout, Uttarahalli, Kengeri Main Road, Bangalore-560061 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.65,74,135.65** (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Seventy Four Thousand One Hundred Thirty Five and ixty Five Paisa) with further interest @ 9.35% p.a. from **30.04.2023** compounded with monthly rests within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic/ constructive possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this the **21st day of December of the year 2023.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Bank of India** for an amount of **Rs.65,74,135.65** with further interest @ 9.35% p.a. from **30.04.2023** compounded with monthly rests.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that part and parcel of the property consisting of immovable residential property situated at Western portion of property bearing khata No.40/4, property No.52, Present municipal No.018 (old No.52) within the limit of BBMP ward No.183, having PID No.55-786-018 at 10th D Cross, Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Taluk Sub District, Bangalore Urban District, Measuring 945 sq. ft. (extent of the property) East-West : 27 ft, North-South :35 ft. Owned by Mrs. Chaitra Chandrashekar Shetty, Bounded on: On the North by : Road, On the South by : Southern portion of the property No.52, On the East by : 3 feet Passage, On the West by : Property No.51.

Date : 21.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of India

Piramal Capital & Housing Finance

PIRAMAL CAPITAL AND HOUSING FINANCE LTD

(Formerly Known as Dewan Housing Finance Corporation Ltd.)
CIN: L65910MH1984PLC032639
Registered Office: Unit No.-601, 6th Floor, Piramal Amiti Building, Piramal Agastya Corporate Park, Kamani Junction, Opp. Fire Station, LBS Marg, Kurla (west), Mumbai-400070 –T +91 22 38024000
Branch Office: No. 13, Old No. 5, 1st Main Road Near Kodava Samaja, Vasanth Nagar Bengaluru, Karnataka- 560052
Contact Person: 1. Mallikarjun G. Hadagali - 9620686817 2. Rakesh Chander - 9663368260 3. Vishal Ketele - 9584966653

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE – FRESH SALE

Pursuant to taking possession of the secured asset mentioned hereunder by the Authorized Officer of Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited (Formerly Known as DHFL) under the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002** for the recovery of amount due from borrower/s, offers are invited by the undersigned for purchase of immovable property, as described hereunder, which is in the physical possession, on **'As Is Where Is Basis', 'As Is What Is Basis' and 'Whatever Is There Is Basis'**, Particulars of which are given below:

Loan Code/Branch/ Borrower (s) / Co-Borrower (s) / Guarantor (s)	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Property Address _final	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (10% of RP)	Outstanding Amount (21-12-2023)
Loan Code No. 21400044032, Bengaluru - Jayanagar -1 (Branch), Pavan Annambhotla (Borrower), Padmavathi Naga Rukmini Annambhotla (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 18-02-2019, Rs. 15619335/-, (Rs. One Crore Fifty Six lakh Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- Flat No 308 & 408, Annapurna Residency NA Nagadevanahalli Village Nagadevanahalli Village Kengri Hobli Bangalore Karnataka IN 560060 Boundaries As :- North :- Road South :- Private Property East :- Road & Private Property West :- Road	Rs. 12136625/-, (Rs. One Crore Twenty One lakh Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Five Only)	Rs. 1213662.5/-, (Rs. Twelve lakh Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Two Only and Fifty Paise)	Rs.27839871/-, (Rs. Two Crore Seventy Eight lakh Thirty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy One Only)
Loan Code No. M0083713, Bengaluru - Jayanagar (Branch), Shivaraju J (Borrower), Bhagyamma J (Co Borrower 1) Konala C (Co Borrower 2)	Dt: 10-01-2023, Rs. 4251252/-, (Rs. Forty Two lakh Fifty One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- SITE NO 10 OLD KATHA NO 50 NEW KATHA NO 50/1 BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK 560066	Rs. 5425200/-, (Rs. Fifty Four lakh Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Only)	Rs.542520/-, (Rs. Five lakh Forty Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Only)	Rs.4508607/-, (Rs. Forty Five lakh Eight Thousand Six Hundred Seven Only)
Loan Code No. M0097437, Bangalore Branch (Branch), Wajid Shariff (Borrower), Chand Pasha Salar Shariff (Co Borrower 1)	Dt: 25-02-2023, Rs. 2179067/-, (Rs. Twenty One lakh Seventy Nine Thousand Sixty Seven Only)	All The piece and Parcel of the Property having an extent :- NO 26 BILAL NAGAR NAGAWARA MAIN ROAD K G HALLI BANGALORE 560045	Rs. 5856000/-, (Rs. Fifty Eight lakh Fifty Six Thousand Only)	Rs.585600/-, (Rs. Five lakh Eighty Five Thousand Six Hundred Only)	Rs.2348630/-, (Rs. Twenty Three lakh Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Only)

DATE OF E-AUCTION: 30-01-2024, FROM 11.00 A.M. TO 2.00 P.M (WITH UNLIMITED EXTENSION OF 5 MINUTES EACH), LAST DATE OF SUBMISSION OF BID: 29-01-2024, BEFORE 4.00 P.M.

For detailed terms and conditions of the Sale, please refer to the link provided in www.piramalfinance.com/e-Auction.html or email us on piramal.auction@piramal.com

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT TO THE BORROWER/GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

The above mentioned Borrower/Guarantor are hereby noticed to pay the sum as mentioned in section 13(2) notice in full with accrued interest till date before the date of auction, failing which property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost from borrower/guarantor.

Date : 24.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- (Authorised Officer)
Piramal Capital & Housing Finance Limited

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH PUBLIC AUCTION

Auction Sale under the Securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act 2002 of the Immovable properties mortgaged to the **Bangalore City Co. operative Bank Ltd., is brought to Sale under " AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION".**

Sl No	Name of the Borrower & Description of property	Boundaries & Measurement	Amount of Secured debt & Reserve Price	Date of Public Auction
01	**Sri. Akram Khan** No. 74, 8th Main Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. **New No. 4/1, Old No. 25, 8th Main, Padarayanapura, BBMP Ward No. 44 of Padarayanapura, PID No. 44-3- 4/1,Bangalore.**	**East to West: 16.04 feet & North to South: 80 feet** **East by :** Smt. Padmavathamma's Property, **West by :** Property belongs to Bheemarao in western side out of old Property No. 25, **North by** : Conservancy Galli, **South by :** 8th Main Road,	**Rs. 8,16,342/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 52,60,000/-**	**24.01.2024 10.00 A.M**
02	**Sri. Altaf Pasha,** No.64/2, 7th Cross Vinayakanagar, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru-26. **No.02, 7th A Cross, Vinayakanagar, Mysore Road, Bengaluru, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 43 of Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-22-2, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 15 feet** **East by:-** 6 feet Road **West by:-** Babu's property, **North by:-** Mohammed Azeem's property **South by:-** Venkataramaiah's Property.	**Rs. 13,30,530/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 18,60,000/-**	**24.01.2024 10.30 A.M**
03	**Salar Sardar Ahmed (Deceased) Legal Heirs 1. Reshma Taj (Wife), 2. Mujeer Ahmed. S (Son) 3. Sameer Ahmed S (Son), 4. Musheer Ahmed S (Son), 5. Yasmeem S (Daughter) 6. Parveen S (Daughter) & 7. Nasreen S (Daughter)** No.9, D Street, Fort Kalasipalyam, Bengaluru-02 **New No.09, Old No.14, Fort "D" Road, BBMP Ward No. 47 of Dharmarayaswamy Temple, Kalasipalyam, Corporation No. 27, PID No. 47-82-9, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 22 feet & North to South : 52 feet** **East by:-** Muniswamy Mudaliar's House **West by:-** Venugopal Naidu's D Portion of property **North by:-** Road **South by:-** D . Appu Rao's House	**Rs. 6,77,062/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 85,80,000/-**	**24.01.2024 11.00 A.M**
04	**Smt. Gayathri. L** No.46/B, vittal Nagar, Binnypet, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-18. **No.157/2, Mysore Road, BBMPWard No.45 of Azad Nagar, PID No. 45-1- 157/2, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 16 feet & North to South : 25 feet** **East by:** Property belongs to Smt. Nagamma, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 65/B, **South by :** Road.	**Rs. 4,21,592/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 35,25,000/-**	**24.01.2024 11.30 A.M**
05	**Sri. Irfan Pasha** No.29E, 5th Cross, West Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. **No.39, Old No. 27, 5th Cross, West of Padarayanapura, Sy. No. 88/2, PID No. 43-94-39, BMP Ward No. 43, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 15 feet & North to South : 40 feet.** **East by :** Others Property **West by :** Site No. 28. **North by :** Site No. 21. **South by :** Road.	**Rs. 41,00,000/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date :14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 35,25,000/-**	**24.01.2024 12.00 P.M**
06	**Sri. Mohammed Nasrulla** No.1411, 1st Cross, 'B' Street, J.J.R. Nagar, Bengaluru-18 **New Municipal No. 44/8, 8th Main Padarayanapura, PID No. 44-3-44/8, Ward No. 44 of J.J.R. Nagar, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 13 feet & North to South : 25 feet** **East by :** Common Passage 4 X 55 feet towards North & remaining Portion of the same No. Property, **West by :** Same No. Property, **North by :** Same No. Property **South by :** Conservancy.	**Rs. 6,96,324/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date :14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 27,75,000/-**	**24.01.2024 12.30 P.M**
07	**Sri. Joel Franklin .J** No.24, lalbagh road, old Mission Road Compound, Bengaluru-27. **New Municipal No. 135/2, Lalbagh Road, Sudhama Nagar, PID No. 48-31- 135/2, Bangalore**	**East to West: On Northern side : 26 feet, On Southern side : 15.6 feet North to South: On Eastern side No. 51 feet, On western side : 44 feet** **East by:** Lalbagh Main Road, **West by:** Cross Road, **North by:** Cross Road, **South by:** George Automobiles	**Rs. 28,38,335/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 1,64,45,000/-**	**24.01.2024 01.00 P.M**
08	**Sri. Muzamil Baig** No.40, 13th Cross Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. **No.40, 13th Cross, Padarayanapura Bengaluru presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 44 of Jagajeevanramnagar, PID No. 44-7-40, Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 12 feet & North to South: 80 feet,** **East by:-** Others property, **West by:-** Road, **North by:-** Mehaboob Jan's Property. **South by:-** 6 X 80 feet Common Passage thereafter Property bearing No.40/1	**Rs. 16,60,760/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 68,75,000/-**	**24.01.2024 01.30 P.M**
09	**Sri. Prabhakar C K** No.90/1/2, Muneshwara Temple Street, 2nd main Road, vital Nagar, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-18. **No.90/1-2, Municipal Khatha No.90/1, property No.03, Vittalnagar, Bengaluru.**	**East to West: $\frac{38+45}{2}$ feet & North to South: 15 feet** **East by:-** Road, **West by:-** Drainage **North by:-** Remaining portion of the same property, **South by:-** Property No. 4	**Rs. 14,37,161/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 36,00,000/-**	**24.01.2024 02.00 P.M**
10	**Sri. Nataraj. E** No.20, Mellige thota Cholurapalya, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-23. **No.28, Old No. G32, Keshavanagar, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, PID No. 31-40- 28, BMP Ward No. 31 Bengaluru.**	**East to West : 19 feet & North to South: 25 feet.** **East by :** Site No. 33. **West by :** Site No. 31. **North by :** Street. **South by :** Site No. 37.	**Rs. 2,91,997/- (Interest from) 13.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 26,90,000/-**	**24.01.2024 02.30 P.M**
11	**1. Sri. M.D. Dasappa (Deceased) Legal Heirs by :- 1A). M.D. Chandramathi (Daughter) & 1B). M.D. Chandrakala (Daughter) 2. Sri. Srinivas. M D,** No.729, 13th B Cross Chandra Layout, Bengaluru-72. **No.729, Nagarabhavi 1st Stage, Survey No. 08, PID No. 39-193-729, Chandra Layout, BMP Ward No. 39, Bengaluru**	**East to West : 9.15 Mtrs & North to South : 6.10 Mtrs** **East by :** Property No. 754. **West by :** Road **North by :** Property No. 730 **South by :** Property No. 728	**Rs. 3,61,388/- (Interest from) 14.12.2023 Notice Date : 14.12.2023 Reserve Price Rs. 63,30,000/-**	**24.01.2024 03.00 P.M**

(1) The public auction will be conducted in the premises of Administrative office, No.3, Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajapet, Bangalore-18. (2) For participation in the auction the intending bidder have to deposit an amount equivalent to 10 % of the Reserve price of the property being cautioned deposit. The cautioned deposit shall be forfeited by the bank without any prior notice, If the successful bidder fails to Adhere to the terms of Sale, time and commits default in any manner. (3) The successful bidders should deposit 25 % of the bid amount on the same day at the sale in cash/D.D. to the bank and the balance Within 15 days from the date of sale. (4) The Successful bidders shall bear all expenses like stamp duty Registration fee etc., for getting the sale certificate Registered in his/her favour. (5) The authorized officer shall have powers to accept or reject bids or postpone / cancel the auction without assigning any reasons thereof. (6) For inspection of the property and other particular, the intending bidders may contact the undersigned at **The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank ltd., Administrative Office, or through phone No.26678572 / 26600512,** they are at liberty to make their own Assessment / enquiry about the property.

Place: Bangalore
Date : 22.12.2023

Sd/- Authorized Officer
The Bangalore City Co. Operative Bank Ltd.

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When women act like women, they are accused of being inferior. When women act like human beings, they are accused of behaving like men

Simone de Beauvoir

2023: THE YEAR THAT FAILED FORECASTS

THE THIRD EYE

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THE origins of the term forecasting are embedded in history. For centuries, kings and kleptocrats obsessed about methods to divine the future. In ancient Rome, Romulus and Claudius were known to engage the services of Etruscan diviners, known as Haruspices, to deduce the will of gods from the liver and gallbladder of sheep. Many methods of divining are recorded in the history of Babylonian, Akkadian, Sumerian and other Mesopotamian cultures. A researcher in Britain has claimed to have divined Donald Trump's victory in 2016 by reading the liver of a sheep.

In the modern era, forecasts are deemed to be more scientific. The future is divined by torturing the innards of economic data. While the accuracy of the predictions made during the Roman era is unknown, the forecasts made in more recent times frequently flatter and flail. The problem, to paraphrase Daniel Kahneman, is that the ability to predict the future is afflicted by the ease with which the past is explained. As we end the year, it is apparent from the trail of fallibility that 2023 is a year which failed forecasts.

The phenomenon is best illustrated by the divergence between predictions and performance of stock markets. In December 2022, the forecast for the US benchmark index S&P500 ranged as low as 3,800 and as high as 4,500. This Friday, the S&P500 hovered around 4,750, reporting a return of over 24 percent. Powell's Pivot may have been a surprise but the index was above 4,600 at a 23-month high before the pivot. Predictions for the Nifty50 were not a whole lot better and ranged between 17,500 and 20,000 for the Nifty50. The benchmark index crossed the 21,500 mark and was hovering at 21,350 on Friday.

The consensus was driven by hope and fears about the real economy. The year began with two R's—a rebound in China post the lifting of Zero Covid restrictions, and the spectre of recession in advanced economies. China ended 2022 with a sub-par GDP growth of 3 percent and the hope was that higher savings would trigger a rebound. The thesis was amplified at the World Economic Forum in Davos where Vice-Premier Liu declared China open for business. The promised rebound didn't materialise and is visibly bound by Xi's politics. In December, rating agency Moody's downgraded China's A1 debt rating from stable to negative.

The story in the US was quite the opposite. In December 2022, the air was thick with forecasts of a recession. Projections placed the possibility of a recession at 100 percent. The question was whether it would be shallow or deep; US Fed chair Jerome Powell said the answer was "not knowable". In December 2022, the US Fed's Summary of Economic Projections showed GDP growth in 2023 would be just 0.5 percent. Exactly a year later, in December 2023, the Fed's projections show the US economy grew must faster at 2.6 per cent. Unsurprisingly, the Biden White House latched on to the good news to rubbish early 2023 predictions.

The Reserve Bank of India didn't get it quite right either as it underestimated growth—some may argue, erring on the side of caution. In February 2023, the RBI said "GDP growth for 2023-24 is projected at 6.4 per cent". The rationale: geopolitical tensions, global financial conditions and slowing external demand. Indeed, the Survey of Professional Forecasters placed the highest probability for GDP growth at between 6 and 6.4 percent. In December 2023, the RBI found "growth remains resilient and robust". Its projection for GDP growth in 2023-24 is now at 7 percent—and yes, the professional forecasters are in lock-step. Surely the comparative merit of the India Story deserves better assessment.

The fragility of forecasts is most visible in the intersection of commodity pricing and performance of the real economy. One such commodity is crude oil, whose supply-demand equation is determined by the trajectory of growth and its pricing does impact the trajectory. In December 2022, the prediction for the average price of oil in 2023 was placed at $100 a barrel by a poll of analysts and at $125 by Goldman Sachs. Brent crude scarcely crossed the $90 mark through the year and currently hovers at around $78 a barrel.

Forecasting is also afflicted by ideological bias which falters when faced with political compulsions. Consider this: the yen is and has been the go-to currency to borrow capital in leveraged bets. Earlier this year, the dominant view—of over 80 percent of the economists in a poll—was that the Bank of Japan would shift out of negative interest rates. This week, the Bank of Japan shattered predictions and maintained its ultra-loose policy—the short-term rate target is at -0.1 percent and 10-year rates at 0 percent, stunning both currency and stock markets.

As the year draws to a close, newer forecasts are being unveiled—the Nifty50 at 24,200, S&P500 at 5,100, crude oil at $84 a barrel, rate cuts by the US Fed and the European Central Bank, no recession in the US and more. The desire to know what the future holds is intrinsic to human nature. The key is to recognise that forecasts are A view and not THE view. As billionaire investor Ray Dalio once said, "He who lives by the crystal ball will eat shattered glass."

INDIA BLOC NEEDS A SLOGAN, NOT A LEADER

POWER & POLITICS

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THE bridge between India and Bharat is not merely cultural and social. In today's rhetorically-charged times of attrition, it denotes a political chasm of class, caste, community and conscience. This chasm has deepened the fissures within the INDIA alliance; last week, divided they stood again. The knot is ambition for the prime minister's chair—a standoff between elitist Rahul Gandhi and the rest of the opposition. Last week, a phalanx of opposition leaders met in New Delhi for the fourth time. Their objective: to dethrone Narendra Modi by trouncing the BJP in 2024. The outcome: no agreement on the One to be fielded against invincible Modi. The decision: meet again.

The meeting was a wordfest of desire disguised beneath discord. Barring Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, every leader worth their salt arrived to make speeches. It was evident from the tenor of all speeches that they were devastated by the political humiliation of the Congress in the recent assembly polls. But the Rubik's cube of opposition politics is not alignment, but colour blindness; the Congress defeat was a blessing in disguise for its colleagues. The chastised party was now willing to listen to even junior outfits, mentally prepared to make sacrifices to save its identity as India's second largest party after the BJP. With barely less than eight weeks left for the national election campaign to start, the opposition is yet to evolve a cohesive and credible narrative to Modi-led BJP. This characteristic confusion has left many questions up in the air.

Is INDIA stronger than NDA?

It is, both numerically and geographically. However, its two dozen members stretching from Kashmir to Kanyakumari are mostly caste- and family-run organisations. The BJP has avoided signing up any ally of consequence except minor players in UP and Bihar. The INDIA quandary is that barring the Congress, none of the other 20-odd parties can collectively win more than 125 seats across the country. Only TMC, DMK, Shiv Sena (UT), NCP (Pawar) and SP can rake in double digits. Moreover, being a marriage of convenience, not conviction, INDIA is not homogeneously woven together with a common ideology. It comprises individuals for whom power and relevance commands political premium. For example, there is nothing in common between Marxism and Dravidian statecraft. But they will go for a seat adjustment in Tamil Nadu. Meanwhile, partners BJP and JD(S) in Karnataka lack contiguous identity. In Tamil Nadu, the Congress's alliance with DMK is only to keep the AIADMK-BJP alliance out of power. Yet, DMK embarrassed the Congress by bashing '*sanatan dharma*'.

SHEKHAR YADAV

Can INDIA win a majority?

Very difficult, but not impossible. The Congress has to capture at least 140 seats. For this, it must trounce the BJP in the North, Assam and Karnataka. Its strategy is to try to manage direct fights against the BJP in about 450 constituencies; the Congress will have to surrender some of its northern seats to its INDIA partners to get extra seats in other states. At the last opposition meeting, Rahul underscored the importance of even tiny caste- and cult-based parties to win in 2024. He blamed senior leaders in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh for not accommodating regional parties. It is another thing that he himself did not walk his talk. No Gandhi *parivar* member engaged in dialogues with regional and smaller outfits, preferring Kharge as the communicator who doesn't have the final say. It took four months for the party to constitute a committee to discuss a seat sharing formula with other INDIA participants.

The Congress must accept the reality that it doesn't exist in UP and Bihar, and therefore cannot demand extra seats. It must yield to smaller parties, too. Its major challenge is to win back at least 75 of the 180 seats it lost to the BJP. INDIA can form the government only if the Congress gets around 140 seats and the BJP is restricted to 225-240. In the North, the Congress was decimated in the last two general elections. It nurses hope in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. With both TDP and Chief Minister Jagan Reddy-led YSRC angling for a strategic alliance with the BJP, the Congress can mobilise the anti-incumbency votes.

Does the opposition need a leader?

It does, but it can't have one. INDIA is a collection of *netas* who see themselves as the PM candidate. It has no mesmerising mass connect slogan either. With no visible anti-incumbency feeling against the Modi government, INDIA requires a powerful slogan to grab headlines and mindspace. They must confront the 'Modi *ki guarantee* caravan', which is crisscrossing the country with the message that Modi is the only guarantee for national development.

Empirically, elections aren't won on an anti-leader narrative. For example, Indira Gandhi won more seats when the opposition yelled 'Indira *hatao, desh bachao*'. It is settled that a negative campaign against Modi will not yield INDIA votes or seats. Indira lost her own seat and the government because of Emergency excesses. But the South stayed faithful. She returned with a massive majority riding a potent slogan: 'Elect a government that works'.

Vajpayee was considered invincible in 2004. The BJP went for an early election under the slogan 'India shining.' Though opinion polls gave NDA a two-thirds majority, it garnered less than 180 seats. Sonia Gandhi had crafted victory with a cohesive alliance. There was no anti-Vajpayee wave or a better alternative to him then. The 2009 Lok Sabha election was fought not in Manmohan Singh's name, but on UPA's performance. The BJP pitched L K Advani, then 80 years old, for PM. He was a non-starter. In 2014, the BJP got an atomic combo of a leader and slogan: '*Abki baar*, Modi *sarkar*'. The visible anti-Congress wave against corruption and infirm leadership boosted Modi and his well-defined agenda.

Now a section of INDIA wants to position another 80-year-old warhorse, Mallikarjun Kharge, against Modi. Reason: he is a South Indian Dalit with huge political experience. Perhaps the opposition thinks SC voters who aren't aligned with the BJP, and Muslims, could play a decisive role in over 150 constituencies in North and West India. Moreover, the strategy behind the Mamata-Kejriwal proposal was to force the Congress to announce that Rahul wasn't in the PM race. INDIA partners feel they don't need a face but an announcement that no Gandhi will stump for premiership. The gains Rahul acquired with his Bhrat Jodo Yatra have vanished; he is planning BJY-2.

INDIA leaders know the indispensability of the Gandhis. But they want to minimise the family's role in joint campaigning. Modi has enchanted the urban middle class and women. INDIA can pose a serious challenge by shifting its focus from Modi to '*Roti, kapda aur makaan*'. This cannot happen without bridging the gap between INDIA and Bharat.

WEAPONS FOR THE EMERGING MAN-AI BATTLE

OPINION

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THERE has been a lot of buzz this year around artificial intelligence—more specifically, around artificial general intelligence, which is considered human-level intelligence. The enthusiasm for the changes that AI is bringing about in industry, finance, education and healthcare is palpable. It has contributed to efficiency, precision and speed in delivery of services. However, these remarkable developments are being tempered by existential questions on the risks AI brings with it. The major concerns are threats to jobs, scams generated by deep fakes, misinformation and privacy compromise. And that the influence of AI-based predictions and recommendations in our daily lives is proliferating.

AI algorithms cramp us and seek to slot us based on past data and patterns. It stalks and tags us in ways we do not yet fully understand. The potential danger to humanity—the p(doom) factor or the probability of doom—posed by AI has been red-flagged by industry leaders. A super-intelligent machine spawning other super-intelligent machines and ultimately taking control of all activities is a probable scenario. There has even been a call to temporarily halt research in AI until the threats are fully understood.

The human species is considered to be at the top of the pyramid of living forms, endowed with a brain comprising about two billion cells. It has the ability to reason, solve problems, manipulate the environment and use language. Communication, storage and transmission through language has greatly enhanced human intellect. Now, AI driven LLMs or large language models have emerged. Linguistic skills are no longer a human prerogative. LLM models trained to gorge on terrabytes of data have demonstrated the capacity to outperform humans.

So an intelligence that is superior to human intelligence is looming on the horizon. At this juncture, it would be worthwhile to understand some unique behavioral patterns of other species which helped them thrive.

Researchers have documented the agile responses of animals which help them deal with environmental challenges. The network of communication within some species is complex and well organised. By intricate movements of the waggle dance, honeybees direct other members of the hive to the source of nectar. Even the avian, with just a 'bird brain', migrates to faraway sites for breeding. Even trees are known to communicate with each other. Peter Wohlleben, a German forest scientist, has spoken of the 'woodwide web', a vast network of fungi called the mycorrhizal network. It helps in sharing of nutrients and water between trees. The fungi are also symbiotically benefitted. Such behaviour may be attributed to biochemical responses. But its effectiveness and dynamism hold lessons for us.

The process of evolution enables the fittest species to survive. Every living form has been through the wringer and has emerged with better adaptive skills. Even non-cellular forms like viruses mutate and find a way to replicate and survive hostile environments. Traditionally, intelligence has been measured by computational, verbal and logical parameters. By those standards, none of the extraordinary abilities displayed by other species may qualify as intelligence. However, the fact that other species have flourished in the face of an almost brutal human intelligence is cause for celebration.

In the fight against AI spreading its tentacles over our lives, we can learn from other species that have thrived despite environmental challenges. Our traditional measures of intelligence may be stopping us from understanding them

Today, it is probable that superintelligence may just be a few years away. Sci-fi writers have extensively described various scenarios. Certain aspects like humanoid robots have already materialised. In the future, mankind may be rendered subordinate to a superintelligence.

But there are also challenges that AI has to overcome, chiefly that of availability of data needed for training. AI systems have a gluttonous appetite for data which is a finite resource.

That brings us to the major advantage human intelligence has over AI. Unlike AI, the human brain does not need a humungous amount of data to learn and understand new concepts. It can handle incomplete information, ambiguities and create explanations. Human intelligence can provide contextual clarity, although AI may outsmart us in computational power. Human control of AI has proved vital in averting disasters. Humanity is thus unlikely to meekly fold up, even as superintelligence spreads its wings.

I was making a list of the things AI can never do. Topping the list is sleeping and dreaming. AI will never know or appreciate the serendipity of August Kekulé, who discovered the structure of the benzene ring in a dream. AI may never be able to write a poem. It may flounder around with rhymes and line length or manage a few stanzas of 'found poetry.' But will it ever match the felt thoughts of an Emily Dickinson or a Subramania Bharati? The theme of the 2023 Pondicherry Poetry Festival is, in fact, the impact of AI on the niche of writers and poets.

A model like ChatGPT is a storehouse of information. All we need to do is ask it a question. But the moot point is, do all questions require to be answered instantly? A salutary silence could be occasionally allowed to prevail. It would indeed be a comedy of errors when ChatGPT tries to scramble an answer to a *koan*.

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QUOTE CORNER

The shocking reality on the ground in Gaza demands the rapid delivery of humanitarian assistance at scale, not haggling over a monitoring mechanism. I regret that the Security Council has not called for an immediate ceasefire. That is out of touch with world opinion, as expressed by the General Assembly last week.

Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and UN high commissioner for human rights, giving a qualified welcome to the weak Security Council resolution on Gaza

The biggest difference between Gaza and the Jewish ghettos in Nazi Europe is that Gazans are still alive and the world has a chance to do something about it.

Masha Gessen while receiving the Hannah Arendt Prize for Political Thought

We fought from our heart. But if a man like Brij Bhushan's close aide has been elected president of the Wrestling Federation, then I quit wrestling.

Sakshi Malik, Olympic medal winner who had accused Bhushan of sexual abuse

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

NDA onus

The article '*Delimitation will require ample sagacity*' was thought-provoking. In all probability, the general election in 2024 will throw up a polarised mandate like in 2019. All those states likely to lose seats would have voted for a non-NDA party. We can assume that in 2026, when delimitation is likely to take place, NDA will be in power. Hence it is the NDA that should show sagacity by adopting a formula that causes the least hurt to southern states.

Hemanth Bhide, Mangaluru

Kerala caution

The Nava Kerala Sadas has converted Kerala in to a battleground. The ruling party did not control the situation and the police are mute. International business people are watching the present law and order situation. Who will invest in Kerala to start a business? Unemployment will definitely increase.

Jayamani Atta, email

Yatra despair

The Nava Kerala Sadas ended in utter despair. Millions of rupees were wasted on stage shows and food. By misusing sponsors' and government money despite an acute financial crisis in the state, the Sadas divided the population of into two. Many people were hospitalised following police assaults and action by Marxist cadres. No government in the history of Kerala has abused the police in this way. Several schools and colleges lost their normal functioning. Many school gates and walls were demolished just for the pompous Nava Kerala bus to enter the compound.

K A Solaman, email

Missed debates

It is deplorable that over 100 MPs chickened out of meaningful debates in the temple of democracy during the passage of important bills. It seems that a near totalitarianism is now in vogue and may be put in place after the polls. That would be grossly unhealthy. When opposition MPs are reluctant to engage in meaningful debates with the treasury benches, the very *raison d'etre* of participative democracy gets jeopardised.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Democracy's loss

Ref: *INDIA bloc leaders hit the streets to 'save democracy'* (Dec 23). The moot question for opposition members who were suspended is what have they achieved at the end of it. The treasury benches passed the scheduled bills with a day to spare *sans* opposition participation. Buffoonery of one TMC member became the focal point of discussion in the media and expulsion of 143 unruly members lost in the din and they lost public sympathy.

Parthasarathy Mandadi, Tirupati

Covid vigil

The surge in Covid cases, mainly in South India, is a grim reminder that the virus is still lurking; to lower our guard would be foolhardy. Ramping up testing and increasing genomic surveillance would be effective tools to identify new hotspots, track the spread of variants, and zoom in on key variations. Isolation of positive cases and following safety protocols in areas of spread must be made mandatory. It is better to err on the side of caution.

Biju C Mathew, Thonnakkal

Karnataka drought

All taluks of Karnataka are facing drought. There is no sign of relief yet. The people, especially agriculturists, are struggling hard to repay loans. An acute shortage of drinking water is a challenge to the government. The beneficiaries of freebies are not bothered about the problems faced.

S N Amrith, Puttur

Hijab reversal

Siddaramaiah on Friday announced that his government will withdraw an order that barred Muslim girls from wearing the hijab inside classrooms. It will be a major policy reversal. All citizens have the fundamental right to follow their own tradition. So targeting any religion would deform India's fame. Politics shouldn't be done for the sake of votes.

Tauqueer Rahmani, Mumbai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
How is this 'Khushal Kashmir' or 'Naya Kashmir' where neither Army men nor common people are safe?

Sakshee Malikkh @SakshiMalik
Junior nationals are going to be held in Gonda which is the area of Brijbhushan. Now imagine in what environment the wrestlers will go there to wrestle.

Kapil Sibal @KapilSibal
Nirmala Sitharaman targets Stalin attending INDIA meet when Tamil Nadu battered with rain and floods.

Seat-sharing after consulting states: Cong

Party's newly formed 5-member National Alliance Committee holds its first strategy meeting on Saturday

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

GEARING up for the 2024 general elections, the newly formed National Alliance Committee (NAC) of the Congress held its first strategy meeting on Saturday and asserted that a seat-sharing formula will be worked out at the earliest after deliberations with all state units.

The meeting assumes significance as many of the INDIA alliance partners like All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the JD(U) have been pushing the Congress to set a deadline for a seat-sharing formula at the state levels ahead of the general elections.

On Tuesday, the Congress formed the five-member NAC with Gujarat in-charge Mukul Wasnik as convenor and veteran leaders, including former chief ministers Ashok Gehlot and Bhupesh Baghel, Salman Khurshid, and Mohan Prakash as members to negotiate with INDIA bloc partners for seat sharing for the 2024 Parliamentary polls.

The meeting comes on the heels of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting on Thursday, which adopted a resolution that it would take all necessary steps to make the INDIA bloc an effective bulwark and force against the BJP and its allies. While interacting with the media after the meeting, Wasnik said that the committee will decide on a "seat-sharing formula" after discussing with state units.

> We will hold discussions with senior leaders on strategies to go forward, and the seats to be discussed. We will take their opinions and decide the way forward —Mukul Wasnik, Gujarat in-charge

"We have taken stock of the situation. In the next few days, we will hold discussions with senior leaders in the state committees of Congress on strategies to go forward, and the seats to be discussed. We will take their opinions and decide the way forward," he said.

"There is no deadline set for this. But we will decide as soon as possible," he said. At the fourth meeting of the INDIA bloc on December 19, West Bengal Chief Minister and TMC chief Mamata Banerjee proposed December 31 as the deadline for seat sharing among allies. Several parties have suggested that the seat-sharing talks should be completed by January second week as elections are looming.

Seat-sharing among the INDIA partners and Congress has emerged as a thorny issue which has also dominated the CWC meeting. Senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was reportedly upset with the regional satraps Kamal Nath, former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, and former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel over the poor performance of the party in the recent assembly elections and for not accommodating smaller parties. The Congress faced flak from its INDIA partners -- Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Left parties -- for refusing to cede seats in all three states.

After the Madhya Pradesh Assembly election debacle, Congress replaced Kamal Nath with Jitu Patwari as the state president. On the INDIA bloc meeting and seat-sharing, Wasnik said, "INDIA bloc has met several times. Wherever there are the alliance parties, we will discuss the seat-sharing formula with the leaders."

Except for Khurshid, all other members were present in the inaugural meeting of the committee.

Dhankhar writes to Kharge over House disruption

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

VICE President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, on Saturday, wrote to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, responding to his letter received the previous day.

"Weaponising disruption and disturbance as a political strategy is tantamount to sacrilege in the temple of democracy. As members of the Council of States, the Upper House, and the House of Elders, we need to exemplify conduct worth emulating by others," Dhankhar wrote in the letter.

He added that he would be grateful to Kharge if he could spare time for an interaction on December 25. Dhankhar also mentioned in his letter to Kharge, "The basis of the suspensions, contrary to your stance, was the deliberate disorder in the House through sloganeering, raising placards, entering the well of the House, and gesturing towards the Chair."

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TANKEEB Akhtar remembers last Tuesday evening vividly. He was with Sameer Rizvi at the latter's residence in Lalkurti, Meerut, watching the 2024 IPL auction. While Rizvi was expected to be signed by some franchise, there was nervousness all around. The moment Chennai Super Kings raised the paddle immediately after his name was called upon, those pangs of anxiety started to slowly fade. The amount was astronomical for a rookie like him. The bidding stopped at ₹8.4 crore. Even Rizvi admitted he did not expect being offered such an insane amount of money.

Rizvi's coach Akhtar, who is also his maternal uncle, too was astonished. But deep within, he had faith in the ability of his ward. "Yes the feeling was unmatched, the first bid made everyone emotional," says Akhtar. However, little did he or anyone in the house knew what was about to unfold. Gujarat Titans followed CSK then Delhi Capitals joined the bid and in the blink of an eye, the figure crossed ₹8 crore. "First it was pure emotions, then it was bewilderment. We were very happy."

NEWSMAKER

Just as Rizvi became the most expensive uncapped Indian cricketer in the auction, social media was abuzz. Who is this Sameer Rizvi and how did he go for such a high price were the two questions on everyone's mind. The news of Rizvi's six-hitting prowess in the middle-order, especially against spin, had spread like wildfire. He was playing in the newly-launched UP T20 league. Soon after he was among the sought-after players. Multiple franchises called him for trials but was not able to attend any of them because of commitments with the UP U23 side. Yet for someone who has played just two Ranji matches, 11 List-A and as many T20 matches for Uttar Pradesh, inducing a bidding war in the auction created ripples in the cricketing world.

Though the sum may look obscene, CSK does not believe so. The team's CEO Kasi Viswanathan explains the rationale behind seeking his services. For CSK, he said, it was about getting a player who can fill in the void left behind by Ambati Rayudu.

"Sameer was a targeted player for many of the franchises. We were probably a bit lucky in getting Rizvi. Basically, if you look at it, we were trying to get a replacement for Rayudu. According to us, we didn't have enough players with that kind of experience to bid for. So, we thought it was better to go in for a youngster who has promise. I am not saying this just because we have picked him, but he is going to be the next best but the opportunity is there for that," said Viswanathan, adding that signing Rizvi will help the team.

For Akhtar, though, it was a long-awaited dream fulfilled. After all, it was his aspirations to become a cricketer that brought Akhtar from Amroli Urf Baragoan, a small village about 30km from Meerut, to the city in 2004. He pursued his passion while staying with her sister Rukhsana Khatoon. At that point, Rizvi was just a toddler.

However, Akhtar soon realised that he was probably a bit older and with his career a little stagnant, he took to coaching. And it was under Akhtar where Rizvi honed his skills at the Gandhi Bagh Cricket Academy. Such was Rizvi's dominance in age-group cricket that he played for India U19 before he even turned 16. Then the senior UP debut followed and in the last couple of years, Rizvi has become a prominent member of the state's white-ball side.

In 2023, when the UP T20 league came along, Rizvi was hitting sixes for fun, smashing 455 runs from 9 innings. He hit 35 sixes in the Up T20 league, and then led the state to U23 List-A title where he scored 454 runs while hitting 37 sixes. The tag of 'right-handed Raina' — his sixes against spinners looks similar to that of former India and CSK captain Suresh Raina — seems only fitting to the reputation Rizvi has built over the years. As for the money the middle-class player has earned — ₹8.4 crore — it will help in his status in the society. His father was diagnosed with a brain haemorrhage three years ago. While he is a lot better now, Rizvi's earnings will be crucial for the treatment.

From taking up the sport at the age of six, to becoming the most expensive uncapped player in the 2024 auction, Rizvi had come a long way.

Ram temple inauguration: Not interested in event, Yechury replies to Misra

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

CPI (M) general Secretary Sitaram Yechury has turned down the invitation to attend the consecration ceremony of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya which will take place on January 22, 2024. Nripendra Misra, Chairman of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir Construction Committee invited Yechury for the consecration ceremony.

In 2019, after the Supreme Court ruled in favour of the construction of Ram temple at the disputed site, the CPM said that the Ayodhya judgment had given precedence to the 'faith and beliefs of one side' and said that a verdict had been delivered but it was not justice.

In 2020, Yechury criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for laying the foundation stone of Ram Temple at Ayodhya saying that it was a violation of the Constitution in letter and spirit. The committee has extended invitations to opposition leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, former PM Manmohan Singh, and NCP chief Sharad Pawar, among others. Though, the Congress thanked the Ram Janmabhoomi Trust for the invitation, it has not yet made clear its stand on whether its top leaders will be attending the ceremony.

Congress general secretary (organization) KC Venugopal on Thursday said that the leaders have received an invitation to the ceremony. "They have invited us, we are very much thankful to them for inviting us, let us see", he said on the sidelines of the Congress Working Committee meeting.

When asked whether top leaders would attend the ceremony, Venugopal said, "You will know about the party's stand." Earlier, senior Congress leader Digvijaya Singh said that Sonia Gandhi was 'very positive on this matter', referring to the invitation. Singh said that either Gandhi or a delegation from her side would attend the ceremony.

When asked if he had received any invitation to the grand ceremony, Singh said, "The BJP will not invite me because they are not inviting the true devotees. Whether it be Murli Manohar Joshi, L K Advani or Digvijay Singh, they will not be given the invitation," he said.

13 unaccompanied minors among Indian fliers grounded

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

A day after 303 Indian passengers were grounded at Vatry Airport in France, reports indicate that the group includes minors ranging in age from 21 months to 17 years. Approximately 13 of these minors are unaccompanied, while others have companions.

These 303 individuals, suspected to be part of a human trafficking network and potential illegal immigrants, had departed from Dubai, en route to Managua on an A340 aircraft operated by Legend Airlines, a Romanian charter company.

To date, neither Indian nor French authorities have provided additional details about the passengers, who were grounded during their aircraft's refueling stop at Vatry Airport, located 150 kilometers east of Paris.

Tarpaulin now covers the glass exterior of the entrance hall of Vatry Airport, as well as its adjacent administrative buildings, restricting access to the area. "The Indian Embassy in France continues to collaborate with the French government for the welfare of the Indians currently at Vatry Airport, seeking an early resolution to the situation. Our consular staff is on-site in Vatry, and we are grateful to the French authorities for their cooperation throughout the extended holiday weekend," stated an embassy spokesperson.

France's national anti-organised crime unit, JUNALCO, has taken over the investigation, prompted by a tip-off concerning human trafficking.

Although the airline staff has been released, their attorney, Liliana Bakayoko, asserted that Legend Airlines has committed no offense and is willing to cooperate fully with French authorities. There is speculation that these Indians, possibly from Punjab or Gujarat, were aiming to enter the United States via South America.

It is reminiscent of an incident in February 2022 when a four-member Indian family, attempting to illegally enter the U.S. from Canada, tragically froze to death.

According to the latest Pew Research Centre report, there are approximately 725,000 illegal Indian immigrants in the U.S., constituting the third-largest group of unauthorised immigrants after those from Mexico and El Salvador.

Meanwhile, the reception hall at Vatry Airport has been converted into a waiting area, equipped with individual beds, to provide the stranded passengers with the best possible accommodations.

The plane reported to carry Indian citizens parks at the Vatry airport in France | PTI

Around 7.25L illegal Indian immigrants in US: Report

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EAM says concerned over temple vandalism in US

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

Slogans written on the walls of SMVS Swaminarayan Mandir in California | EXPRESS

ANOTHER Hindu temple, the SMVS Swaminarayan Mandir in Newark, California, was vandalised with anti-India and pro-Khalistani graffiti visible on the walls of the temple. The Indian consulate in San Francisco has condemned the incident and registered a complaint with the police.

"We are concerned about the incident that took place in California. Extremism and separatism should not be tolerated in any country nor should any space be provided to them. Our consulate in San Francisco has complained to the government and the police and an inquiry is underway," said Minister of External Affairs S Jaishankar on Saturday. The graffiti eulogised slain Khalistani terrorist Bhindranwale and had anti-India slogans too.

"We strongly condemn the defacing of the walls of SMVS Swaminarayan Mandir at Newark with anti-India graffiti. The incident has hurt the sentiments of the Indian community. We have pressed for quick investigation and prompt action against the vandals by the US authorities," said the Consulate General of India in San Francisco.

The instances of pro-Khalistani slogans, attacks on Indian consulates, and threats to diplomats in the US, Canada, the UK and Australia have been noticed in the past year. India has always brought them up with the local authorities.

This can be the fallout of the ongoing US indictment, where an Indian has been named as a conspirator in a foiled assassination attempt of a Khalistani separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

India's Ambassador to the US Taranjit Singh Sandhu was heckled by pro-Khalistani supporters in a Gurdwara in Long Island. There was anti-India and pro-Khalistani sloganeering that followed but the crowd managed to control the situation.

In July this year, attempts were made to torch the Indian consulate in San Francisco by pro-Khalistani supporters.

"It is baffling to know that there are so many perpetrators of hate crimes in the US and other countries and none of them has been brought to book. Such instances have taken place in Canada, where temples have been vandalised, and also in Australia," said a source.

Meanwhile, the US State Department for Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs (SCA) condemned the vandalism. "We condemn the vandalism of the temple and welcome efforts by Newark Police Department to ensure that those responsible are held accountable," US State Department SCA said.

Pannun, who was allegedly targeted in a murder-for-hire conspiracy for which an Indian has been jailed in the Czech Republic, has been threatening India repeatedly this year. He threatened the security of Air India and urged Sikh passengers not to take their flights from Canada, threatened the airports in India and more recently, spoke about attacking Parliament. However, none of his statements – which are sometimes released through videos – are taken against him.

Mission '24: BJP likely to focus on 160 'weak seats' across the country

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

THE BJP will keep a special focus on winning 160 Lok Sabha constituencies which have been categorized as "weak seats" based on the performance of its candidates in the last elections. Overall, the party aims to win more than 350 seats, party sources said.

After a two-day brainstorming that started on Friday, sources said the BJP may announce candidates for several "weak seats" much ahead of the announcement of the poll dates -- mostly by February -- for the general election.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attending the meeting asked the party office-bearers to work in a mission mode to win the people's trust on the slogan 'Modi Ki Guarantee' – the party's guarantee to deliver on its promises.

On Saturday, party leaders resolved to win more than 350 LS seats by garnering over 55% of the vote share. The party believes it could be possible through various people-centric initiatives and outreaches highlighting government works done in nine years.

BJP chief JP Nadda on Saturday presented the party's strategy to ensure the third grand mandate in 2024. Though the BJP made no official statements on the outcome of the meeting, sources hinted that discussions focused on 160 LS seats, which have been identified as 'weak'. Speaking to this newspaper, party sources said the leaders attending the national officer-bearers meeting on Friday and Saturday, were informed about the strategy and what the party plans to do in the election. Sources said the party has identified over 7 dozen LS seats as 'weak' in South India, followed by other states such as UP, West Bengal, and Telangana.

"On Saturday, Amit Shah discussed the party's strategy for these seats with the office-bearers, including chiefs of state units and all heads of front outfits," said a party functionary.

Shah, sources said, stressed the need for developing a wider connection with the people belonging to poor and other marginalised sections, including the minorities. The second day of national office-bearers meeting was divided into 3 sessions with each session taking up suggestions, feedback on various schemes and people's perceptions. There were rounds of presentations and question-answer sessions with top leaders.

MAHA COAST
The Indian Coast Guard on Saturday located the body of a mariner, hours after he was reported missing from MV Boonya Naree, around 11 miles from Prongs Lighthouse off Mumbai.

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Jaipur	25	10	Patna	35	27
Amritsar	23	07	Lucknow	36	22
Chennai	30	24	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	27	17	Imphal	31	19
Srinagar	11	-2	Chandigarh	35	19

■ Raj govt working on implementing Ayushman scheme ■ Mohan Yadav set to fly to nat'l capital second time in 3 days

BJP govt set to scrap Cong health insurance scheme

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a significant move, the newly elected BJP government in Rajasthan is transitioning from the Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme, one of the Gehlot government's flagship welfare initiatives in the health sector.

The scheme, which provided an insurance cover of ₹25 lakh to all citizens in both private and government hospitals, is being effectively replaced by the Ayushman Bharat scheme initiated by the Centre, offering a reduced coverage of Rs 5 lakh.

While a direct order to dismantle the Chiranjeevi scheme is yet to come, the government is actively working towards implementing the Ayushman Bharat scheme, sources said.

The Chiranjeevi scheme portal is on the verge of closure, and preparations are on to issue new cards under Ayushman Bharat Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme for the 1.42 crore families associated with the former. Sources said each district has been assigned a target to produce 5 to 15 lakh cards, with e-KYC targets also being allocated. Beneficiaries are encouraged to download the Centre's Ayushman app for verification and enrollment. Formal orders may come once a minister is appointed.

The government, sources say, is opting for an indirect approach to avoid political controversy. Hospitals failing to provide treatment through the Chiranjeevi card will naturally cease

participation. Preparations are being made to allow the uploading of an alternative card, facilitating enrollment in the Ayushman scheme.

The closure of free treatment under Chiranjeevi in private hospitals has led to a notable increase in outpatient department visits in government hospitals. Admissions to these hospitals have also seen a corresponding uptick.

Under the new plan, districts have been tasked with completing the production of new cards by January 26.

In contrast, the old plan reveals that over 1,890 hospitals await new orders from the government, with more than 90% ceasing to provide free treatment under the Chiranjeevi scheme. Outstanding bills of more than Rs 50 crore under the Chiranjeevi Yojana are yet to be settled.

The financial strain on the state is evident, with a staggering debt of ₹5.59 lakh crore, surpassing 42% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSTP).

Portal to close soon

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Financial burden

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CM awaits Delhi nod, no clarity on MP cabinet yet

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

WAIT for the new council of ministers is getting longer in Madhya Pradesh, as the new chief minister Dr Mohan Yadav was set to travel to Delhi second time in three days to get the BJP top leadership's nod for his team of ministers.

Yadav, who spent two days in Delhi (Thursday and Friday) before returning to MP to attend a programme at his native Ujjain, was scheduled to fly to the national capital again on Saturday evening, to attend the ongoing meeting of the party's national office bearers.

While in Delhi, he is likely to meet the party's top brass again to get their final stamp of approval about the new council of ministers.

Yadav was sworn in as the new CM along with two deputy CMs – Jagdish Dewda and Rajendra Shukla – on December 13, but neither has the new council of ministers formed yet nor the two deputy CMs allotted any ministerial portfolios.

On Thursday, the CM left for Delhi for a two days visit, during which he met the PM Narendra Modi and union home minister Amit Shah. He also met the defence minister Rajnath Singh and civil aviation minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, besides hosting dinner for MPs (both BJP and Congress) from Madhya Pradesh.

"He'll fly from Indore to Delhi on Saturday evening again," a key MP government source told this

newspaper.

During the coming visit to Delhi, not only is Yadav likely to attend the national BJP's ongoing meeting, but he will also meet other national leaders of the party, including President JP Nadda, particularly for finalising the council of ministers in MP.

According to key sources within MP BJP, the delay in the formation of council of ministers, is happening as the party is taking time to accommodate the senior MLAs and ex-ministers, the five heavyweights (including ex-union minister Prahlad Patel, party national general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya and three other ex-MPs who won the assembly polls) and new faces in the council of ministers. Also, the party is zeroing in on getting the right balance between the six regions and all 29 Lok Sabha segments with an eye on the coming elections. Another challenge before the party and the CM is to establish the right mix of all castes-communities in the cabinet.

No portfolio for Dy CMs

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Attempting balance

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Cops introduce AI-based facial recognition system

In a first such initiative, Police have introduced an innovative AI-based Facial Recognition System in the mountainous district of Kishtwar in Jammu and Kashmir to swiftly detect and apprehend the people involved in criminal activities. The cutting-edge technology, which has been developed by a Chennai-based firm, has been introduced in the Kishtwar after many trials. The CCTV cameras integrated with AI-powered facial recognition devices have been installed at key entry and exit points. The AI-driven system can store up to 5,000 photographs and identify faces even if individuals are wearing masks.

Hindi film-inspired scam rocks the Valley

The money doubling investment scam has been unraveled in Srinagar and hundreds of people have been duped of hard earned money. Inspired by the Hindi movie 'Phir Hera Pheri', the fraudsters set up a company named 'Curative Survey' in Karan Nagar area of uptown Srinagar and duped a large number of people of at least ₹59 crore under the pretext of doubling their investment within two weeks. The fraud surfaced when the depositors alleged that the agency through its fraudulent website had deceived them by promising them doubling their investment in 15 days.

Major breakthrough in rail project

In a major breakthrough for the Srinagar-Udhampur railway project, the 3,209 meter long tunnel T-1 between Katra and Reasi stations in Jammu region was successfully completed. The Tunnel T-1, which is located at the foothills of Trikuta Hills near Katra in Reasi district, is being constructed by Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., for Northern Railway under the National Projects. After the completion of T-1 tunnel, all tunnels required for the Srinagar-Udhampur railway project have been successfully constructed. According to officials, work on Tunnel-1 was the most challenging due to its topography.

After PM-Mamata meet, Bengal govt starts paper work over state's dues

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

THREE days after West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee met Narendra Modi in Delhi, the Bengal government has started preparing for the next meeting between the officials of central and state governments over the release of the state's dues under rural development schemes. This was after the Prime Minister proposed to sort out the issue by engaging the officials of the concerned departments.

The state government has decided to include the officials of the panchayat department who will be asked to submit a report featuring actions taken against those responsible for the misappropriation of the Centre's fund, an allegation levelled by the central teams after their Bengal visit on several occasions. The panchayat department officials have been asked to focus on the compilation of all documents to counter the Centre's allegation based on which the release of funds has been stopped.

After the meeting with Modi, where a TMC delegation was present on Wednesday, Mamata had said the Prime Minister had assured her a joint meeting of government officials would be held to look into her demand on releasing central funds. "Prime Minister heard our demands and he assured us that he will arrange a joint meeting of central government and state government officials to find a solution," she had said after the meeting.

"We have been told that such a meeting will be held shortly. Though the date is yet to be finalised, we are keeping ourselves ready to reply the Centre's queries related to the reasons for stopping the fund from the central government," said a senior official in Nabanna, the state secretariat.

'With panchyat officials'

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UTTARAKHAND

4-member panel to frame 'strong' land law formed

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

IN a new attempt to establish a strong land law in Uttarakhand, the state government has taken steps to move forward in this direction. Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has ordered the formation of a four-member drafting committee headed by Additional Chief Secretary Radha Raturi to lead this effort.

"This committee will review the report submitted by the previously established land law committee and present its findings to the government," an official spokesman informed this newspaper. According to reliable sources, "The state government is inclined to give the existing land law in the state a more stringent overhaul."

The Additional Secretary of Revenue, Dr Anand Shrivastav, who issued the orders, told this newspaper, "The land law committee formed under the chairmanship of former Chief Secretary Subhash Kumar had submitted its report to the CM in September last year. Work is underway to create a new land law in accordance with its recommendations."

Uproar over Gujarat decision to allow booze in GIFT City

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A day after Gujarat decided to exempt the 'dry' state's Gift City from the liquor ban, the Opposition hit out at the Bhupendrabhai Patel-led BJP government, saying it will 'ruin' the state's youth and prompt similar decisions elsewhere in the state.

The state government on Friday lifted the liquor ban at the Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City to provide a "global ecosystem" to promote trade and commerce. The state BJP maintained it would provide an environment for the development of business in the region. "The lifting of the ban in GIFT City indicates that the government has decided to remove prohibition from the state. It will have a detrimental influence," said the Gujarat Congress. The state AAP slammed the move saying liquor was being brought into the city through "backdoor."

Under the new system, hotels, restaurants and clubs in the GIFT City will be given permits for 'wine and dine' facilities, but they will not be allowed

Gujarat International Finance Tech (GIFT) City in Gujarat | EXPRESS

to sell liquor bottles.

The owners of outlets in GIFT City will have liquor access permits, but these businesses also have the powers to "authorize" visitors with "temporary permits" to "drink in the presence of the permanent employees."

State Congress spokesperson Manish Doshi said the state capital is named after Mahatma Gandhi. "Look at the situation of women in states where liquor is freely available. Liquor not only damages health but also disturbs the social fabric." State AAP chief Isu Dan Gadhvi charged the BJP government with not only humiliating Gandhiji, but also the Gujaratis." Gujarat has been a "dry" state ever since the state came into being in 1960.

Over the years the state has taken many steps to relax prohibition to attract investments. As a part of its tourism policy, the state has allowed licensed liquor stores in some hotels where only tourists can purchase alcohol from the licensed shops. These licensed liquor stores can also cater to nearly 48,000 local permit holders, who have been issued permits by the state government based on their health requirements.

'India to be 3rd largest eco by this decade'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

VICE-PRESIDENT **Jagdeep Dhankhar** on Saturday said that India is set to become the world's third-largest economy by the end of this decade.

While addressing a gathering at the global alumni meet of Panjab University on Saturday, Dhankhar said, "I have no doubt that the time has come in this country for the convergence of intellect, experience, and exposure of alumni of various institutions. We have IIM, IITs, science institutes, several universities in forensic, petroleum, etc. We have important colleges. Now, if the alumni of these institutes come together on one platform, they will help in the formulation of policies that will be an eye-opener."

Dhankhar recalled India's economic journey, noting its progression from being labeled as one of the "fragile five" in 2013 to its current position as the fifth-largest economy, surpassing the UK and France.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Family affected by Thoothukudi floods, misses Lakshmanan's home debut

HARI KRISHNAN T V @ Chennai

THERE were chants of Masanamuthu Lakshmanan when he walked into the stadium for his first Pro Kabaddi League match in the city on Friday night. For the young raider from Tamil Nadu, playing in front of his home crowd was a momentous occasion. He still remembers the day when he first came to the coaching centre at the Sports Authority of India in Chennai. No one knew him then.

Yet the moment of joy was not complete. He did not have his family or friends from his town in the stands. They were still stuck in the floods in Muthiahpuram,Thoothukudi.

"It would have been a dream debut at home for me if my family and friends were there," said Lakshmanan, who plays for Tamil Thalaivas. The floods have been cruel and like most of the villages in Thoothukudi, his house too was damaged. His

Masanamuthu Lakshmanan

certificates were washed away in the flood waters. Though Lakshmanan was down hearing the ordeals of his family and friends, that did not deter him from playing.

The young raider said his mother called him during floods and cried but motivated him to play, like the way she has been doing always. "My friends and family have always been encouraging," said Lakshmanan, who continued raiding the opposition despite such hardships at home. Even now, he cannot go home because of his professional commitments.

This is not the first time he had to overcome obstacles. In 2020, he battled a severe shoulder injury. That setback had battered his confidence then. Yet his will to not give up helped him overcome the lean patch and eventually get drafted in PKL. "It was a tough time for me when people started saying that my career in sports was over. That was a depressing time but I was never ready to give up," Lakshmanan said about his tough times.

Tracing his journey in the sport, he said he was inspired by kabaddi players in his locality — Muniyasamy Temple Street. "All the people in my hometown love kabaddi and most of them play well too. I came to this sport at the age of 11. One of my brothers, Manikandan, asked me to join them while they were playing kabaddi," he said. With Tamil Thalaivas having a torrid run at the moment, Lakshmanan is focussed on lifting his side in the 12-team league.

Army probes death of three civilians, J&K govt gives relief to families

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Army on Saturday began its probe into the mysterious death of three civilians near the site of an anti-militancy operation in Poonch district. As for the government, it started legal action and announced compensation and jobs to next of kin of the victims. Internet services were suspended in both border districts of Poonch and Rajouri as a precautionary measure.

In a post on X, the Army said it received reports regarding the civilian deaths. "The matter is under investigation. Indian Army stands committed to extending full support and cooperation in the conduct of investigations," it said.

The three civilians — Safeer Hussain (43), Mohammad Showket (27) and Mohammad Shabir (32) — all residents of Topi village of Baffliaz, were found dead in an area where the Army had started search operations after an attack by terrorists at Deri Ki Gali area of Thanamandi in Rajouri district, killing five soldiers.

The three civilians were among a group of eight persons allegedly picked up by Army for questioning in connection with the attack.

"The death of three civilians was reported yesterday in Baffliaz of Poonch district. The medico legal formalities were conducted and legal action in this matter has been initiated by the appropriate authority," the J&K administration posted on X.

Unverified videos of civilians being tortured have gone viral on social media. J&K politicians shared their concern. "It is a heart-wrenching video. However, I do not know about its authenticity," PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti said.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 169/2023-24/KWA/PHC/D3/TVM

Aryanadu and Uzhamalakkal pts- Supplyand commissioning of 200mm DI K9 Clear Water Pumping Main from WTP to 5.5 LL OHSR and 7.5LL GLSR and 300mm DI K9 Clear Water Gravity Main from WTP to 9LL OHSR at Pallivetta EMD : Rs. 500000/, Tender fee : Rs. 19518/-, Last Date for submitting Tender : 12-01-2024 03:00:pm, Phone : 04712322303

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-1884 -2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle,Thriruvnanthapuram

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता जन. स्वा. अभि. विभाग वृत पाली

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क्रमांकः अअ/वृत पाली/ त.स./ 2023-24/4550-72 दिनांकः 06.12.2023

ई-टेण्डरिंग निविदा सूचना संख्या 10/2023-24

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल की ओर से निम्नलिखित कार्यों हेतु जन स्वा. अभि. विभाग में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजिकृत अनुबन्धकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई. प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया द्वारा ऑनलाईन निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

निविदा का कार्य	Work of Operation and maintenance (O&M) for 3 years of 68 nos. of RO Plants installed in Phase I, District Pali under Region I Jodhpur
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कुल धरोहर राशि	निविदा की अनुमानित लागत का 2 प्रतिशत या नियमानुसार
फार्म मिलने की तारीख	08.12.2023 से 12.01.2024 सांय 6.00 बजे तक
फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख	12.01.2024 सांय 6.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तारीख	15.01.2024 मध्यान्ह पूर्व 11.00 बजे

निविदा से संबंधित समस्त विवरण वेबसाईट http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in/, https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाईट https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

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No. APMC(K)/971/ 2023-24 Date: 21-12-2023

E-Tender Notification

APMC, Karkala hereby invites Tender for the following Development works Sanctioned under NABARD-29, from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractors in two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 through e-procurement portal. The contractors have to submit all tender related documents, itemized rates etc. by uploading through **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website in **standard documents KW-4. (With latest amendments**

(1) Publication of Tender Notification: **21-12-2023 to 08-01-2024 up to 4.00 PM** (2) Pre-Bid & Tender Query Meeting: **04-01-2024 at 4.00 PM** (3) Last date submission of Tender: **08-01-2024 at 4.00 PM** (4) Opening of Technical Bid: **10-01-2024 at 4.00 PM** (48 hours after last date of submission of tender) (5) Opening of Financial Bid: **16-01-2024 at 4.00 PM** (On Or Before) (6) Place of opening of E-Tender bid: APMC, Karkala

Sl. No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.)	EMD Amount (in Rs.)	Period of completion	Eligibility of the Contractors/ Firms	Tender Fee
1	CONSTRUCTION OF CC ROAD, RCC DRAIN, COVERED AUCTION PLATFORM & COMPOUND WALL @ MMY OF APMC KARKALA APPROVED UNDER RIDF-29 (2023-24)	2,09,22,026.06	3,13,900.00	5.5 Months (Excluding monsoon)	Registered PWD Class-1 Civil Contractor	As per Kppp portal

Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Agricultural Produce Market Committee, Karkala-574104 during working days and hours or through website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-, Secretary, A.P.M.C, Karkala **Sd/-, Administrator, A.P.M.C, Karkala**

(Department of Agriculture Marketing)

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, CHITTAPUR-585 211

Email:chittapurapmc@gmail.com Office Ph: 08472-236134

No.AMD/APMC/CHI/Dev/725/2023-24 Date: 21/12/2023

:: E-TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

APMC, Chittapur hereby invites Tender for the Construction of CC Road, RCC Drain in Shahabad SMY of APMC Chittapur sanctioned in 2023-24 RIDF-29 Scheme from eligible e-portal registered PWD contractors in Two cover system as per Karnataka Transparency Act 2000 through e-procurement portal. The contractors have to submit all tender related documents, itemized rates etc by uploading through **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website in standard documents KW-3.(with latest amendments)

1) Name of work : Construction of CC road, RCC Drain in Shahabad SMY of APMC Chittapur 2) Tender Amount (In Rupees) : **Rs. 83,91,614.00,** 3) EMD Amount (In Rupees) : Rs. 1,67,900.00 4) Time limit (Excluding monsoon period) : 175 days, 5) Tender Processing fee: As per KPPP 1) Pre bid/Clarification meeting : 29-12-2023 11:00 AM, 2) Last date for the submission of filled E-Tender applications : 08-01-2024 upto 4.00 PM, 3) Date of opening of Technical bid : 10-01-2024 at 4.00 PM, 4) Date of opening of Financial bid (if Possible) : 20-01-2024 at 4.00 PM. 5) Place of opening of E-Tender bid : Office of the Secretary, Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Chittapur. *Applicable GST will pay separately

Any other information required can be obtained from the office of the Secretary, Agriculture Produce Market Committee, Chittapur during working days and hours or through website http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Secretary, APMC Chittapur **Sd/- Administrator, APMC Chittapur**

DIPR/Kalaburagi/610/KSMC&A/2023-24

Union Bank of India ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH

2/3, Raja Building, N.R Road, Bengaluru -560 002. E-mail : ubin0555991@unionbankofindia.bank

Contact No: 8369255990, 080-29570555

APPENDIX-IV-A

[See Proviso to Rule 8(6) of Security Enforcement Rules, 2002]

Notice of 15 days for sale of immovable secured assets under Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

E-auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under The Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, read with the provision of Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) mentioned below that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru** concerned branches. Secured Creditor will be sold on **" As is where is", " As is what is " and " whatever there is"** basis, by Public E-Auction on **11.01.2024, 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM** for recovery of dues as mentioned below together with future interest and legal other expenses due to the bank/Secured Creditor from respective borrowers. The Reserve Price for Property, the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Description of Property etc., are given below.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower/Mortgagor/ Guarantor	Description of the Property	Amount Due	Reserve Price	EMD Amount
1	**(1) Mr.Abhinand M** S/o Mr. Antony Joseph, Flat No. 427/29, 2nd Floor, Pandyan Layout, Kithaganahalli, Chandapura,Bengaluru-560099. **(2) Mrs. Leelavathi A,** W/o Mr.Abhinand M, Flat No. 427/29, 2nd Floor, Pandyan Layout, Kithaganahalli, Chandapura, Bengaluru – 560099	All that piece and parcel of 3 Bedroom Flat bearing No.:209, G-2 Wing, 1st Floor, "CHOURASIA MANOR PHASE-II" Apartment, Sy No.:73/2,73/3, 73/5 situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560037, with super built up area of 1530 Sq.Ft along with 474 Sq.Ft of undivided Share of Land and together with one covered Car Parking and bounded on: Land Boundaries: East by : Land bearing Sy No.:70, West by : Land bearing Sy No.: 73/1, North by : Road and Sy No.:74, South by :Land bearing Sy No.:73/4. Flat Boundaries: East by : Flat No.:208 & Open Corridor, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No.:210, South by : Open to Sky. **(Note: The above-mentioned property is mortgaged in favour of Bank based on Sale Agreement executed by** Builder in favour of Borrower).	**Rs. 1,18,48,433.37 (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Thirty-Three and Paisa Thirty Seven only) as on 30.11.2023**	**Rs. 43,61,000/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakhs and Sixty-One Thousand only)**	**Rs. 4,36,100/- (Rupees Four lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand and One Hundred only)**
2	**(1) Mr.Javeed M & Mrs.TabassumFathima,** Residing at 3/5, 5th Cross, Someshwara Nagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru South-560011 **Also at : (1) Mr.Javeed M & Mrs.Tabassum Fathima,** "Unik Paradise", Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura New Extension, 2nd Block, Shampura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru-560045. **(2) Mr. Ilyaz Ahmed (guarantor),** No.57, 7th Cross, Mangampalya, Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru-560068, **3.Mr.Nayaz Ahmed,** No.11, 3rd Floor, Mohamdan Nayaz Aamed Block, Chamarajpete, Bengaluru-560018.	All that Piece and Parcel of Residential Property at "UNIK PARADISE" Flat No.304, 3rd Floor, New BBMP No.8, PID No.95-349-8, Site No.43 and 43A, Khata No.1378 and 1379, Assessment No.11/1 and 12/3, 4th Cross Road, Krishnappa Layout, Shampura Exentension 2nd Block, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore 560045 measuring super built up area of 900sqft along with 205 sqft undivided share., Bounded on the North by: Property No.44, South by: Property No.42, East by:4th Cross Road and West by: Property No.40 & 41.	**Rs. 53,00,497.51 (Rupees Fifty Three Lakhs Four Hundred Ninety Seven and Fifty One Paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 24,09,750/- (Rupees Twenty four Lakhs Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty only)**	**Rs. 2,40,975/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Five only)**
3	**(1) M/s Kaveri Enterprises, Represented by its proprietor, P N Shashikala,** Registered office at : No. 1496, Site No. 268, 1st Floor, Canara Bank Building, Begur Bangalore-560068. **(2) P.N Shashikala,** W/o N V Nanda Kishore, Residing at No. 37/2, Appayyanna Lane, Near Lalbagh Main Gate, Doddamavalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560004. **(3) Mr. N V Nanda Kishore** S/o Late M. S Venkatesh, Residing at No. 37/2, Appayyanna Lane, Near Lalbagh Main Gate, Doddamavalli, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560004. **Also at : (3) Mr. N V Nanda Kishore,** S/o Late M. S Venkatesh, Flat No. G-01, Keerthi Laasya, 3rd Main Road, Sarakki, JP Nagar Ist Phase, Bangalore-560078.	All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing residential vacant site. 213, Old Khatha No. 627, New BBMP Khatha No. 2616/602/627/113/213, Converted Sy..113, (duly converted by the special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, vide Conversion Order No. B.Dis.ALN.SR(S)135/1981-82, Dated 21.08.1981), situated at Begur Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently comes under BBMP limits, measuring East to West Northern Side 60 Feet, Southern Side 90 Feet and North to South 60 Feet , totally measuring 4500 sq.ft., together with all rights appurtenances, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded on :- East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 214, South by : Site No. 212.	**Rs. 1,21,82,506.13 (Rupees One Crore Twenty One Lakhs Eighty Two Thousand Five Hundred Six and Thirteen Paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 1,16,91,750/- (Rupees One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Only)**	**Rs. 11,69,175/- (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand One Hundred Seventy Five Only)**
4	**(1) Mr. Manjunath V,** No. 140-1 Nirmala Nilaya Kote, Temple Street, K R Puram, Bangalore - 560036, **Also at : Mr. Manjunath V,** No. 61, Sannathamana Halli Village, Manam Layout, K R Puram, Bangalore -560036 **(2) Mrs. Sowmya C R,** No. 140-1 Nirmala Nilaya Kote, Temple Street, K R Puram, Bangalore - 560036 **Also at :** Mrs. Sowmya C R, No. 61, Sannathamana Halli Village, Manam Layout, K R Puram, Bangalore -560036.	All that piece and parcel of Flat bearing No. B 603 belongs to Mr. Manjunatha V , Totally measuring super built up area of 2970 Sq Ft and Terrace area 832 sq Ft, Type-4 PH situated in 6th Floor in B Block consisting of 4 Bed rooms in "N D PASSION ELITE APARTMENT", together with two covered car parking space and 921 Sq. Feet of undivided share, right , title and interest in the property, Situated at Katha No. 54, Survey no. 87/1, 87/2 and 88/2 , Kudlu Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk. Bounded By : East : N D Passion Apartment, West : Main Road, North : Main Road, South - Reliable Layout. Boundaries(Flat) : East by- Flat No. A602 , West by- Open Space, North by- Flat No. B 604, South by- Open Space.	**Rs. 1,06,34,206.60 (Rupees One Crore Six Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Two Hundred Six and Paisa Sixty Only) as of 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 1,28,52,000/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Eight Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand only)**	**Rs. 12,85,200/- (Rupees Twelve lakhs Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred only)**
5	**(1) Mr. Pratap Singh. R.** S/o Mr.Raghunath Singh, No. 203, 2nd Floor, Ideal Homes, 7th Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560098. **(2) Mrs.Chandarvidya Iyer,** W/o Mr. Pratap Singh R, No. 203, 2nd Floor, Ideal Homes, 7th Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru – 560098.	All that piece and parcel of 3 Bedroom Flat bearing No.:109, G-2 Wing, Ground Floor, "CHOURASIA MANOR PHASE-II" Apartment, Sy No.:73/2,73/3, 73/5 situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 037, with super built up area of 1530 Sq.Ft along with 474 Sq.Ft of undivided Share of Land and together with one covered Car Parking and bounded on: **Land Boundaries:** East by : Land bearing Sy No.:70, West by : Land bearing Sy No:.73/1, North by :Road and Sy No.:74, South by :Land bearing Sy No.:73/4. **Flat Boundaries:** East by : Flat No.:108 & Open Corridor, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No.:110, South by : Open to Sky. **(Note: The above-mentioned property is mortgaged in favour of Bank based on Sale Agreement executed by Builder in favour of Borrower)**	**Rs. 1,23,22,847.20 (Rupees One Crore Twenty-Three Lakhs Twenty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Seven and Paisa Twenty only) as on 30.11.2023**	**Rs. 43,61,000/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakhs and Sixty-One Thousand only)**	**Rs. 4,36,100/- (Rupees Four lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand and One Hundred only)**
6	**(1) Mr.Sachin Krishna Bhirud,** No.203, 2nd Floor, Ideal Homes, 7th Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560 098. **(2) Mrs.Kirti Sachin Bhirud,** No.203, 2nd Floor, Ideal Homes, 7th Cross, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru - 560 098	All that piece and parcel of 3 Bedroom Flat bearing No.:409, G-2 Wing, 3rd Floor, "CHOURASIA MANOR PHASE-II" Apartment, Sy No.:73/2,73/3, 73/5 situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 037, with super built up area of 1530 Sq.Ft along with 474 Sq.Ft of undivided Share of Land and together with one covered Car Parking and bounded on: **Land Boundaries:** East by : Land bearing Sy No.:70, West by : Land bearing Sy No:.73/1, North by :Road and Sy No.:74, South by :Land bearing Sy No.:73/4. **Flat Boundaries:** East by : Flat No.:408 & Corridor, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No.:410, South by : Open to Sky. **(Note: The above-mentioned property is mortgaged in favour of Bank based on Sale Agreement executed by Builder in favour of Borrower)**	**Rs. 1,03,08,378.27 (Rupees One Crore Three Lakhs Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Eight and Paisa Twenty-Seven only) as on 30.11.2023**	**Rs. 43,61,000/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakhs and Sixty-One Thousand only)**	**Rs. 4,36,100/- (Rupees Four lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand and One Hundred only)**
7	**(1) Mr. Amareesh Nanda, (2) Mrs. Lucky Lenka,** both are resident at Flat No.A-104, Ground Floor, Definer Serene Drive Apartments, Property bearing No.102/2, Pethanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk,Bangalore-Rural.	**Schedule "A" Property :** All the property measuring Two acres in Sy.No.102/2, situated in Pethanaballi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk and duly converted for non-agricultural residential purposes by the order of the Deputy Commissioner ,Bangalore Rural District, Bangalore which bears No. ALN(H)SR/207/05-06 dated 18/02/2006 and bounded by: East : Remaining portion of land in Sy.No.102/2 belonging tp Sri Munivenkatappa and Sri Rajanna, West : Property belonging to Sri Munishamappa, North: Road and, South: Property belonging to sri Narayanaswamy. **Schedule "B" Property :** (Description of the apartment and undivided share hereby conveyed). All that residential Apartment bearing No. A-104 in ground floor Of Block 'A' of the project "DEFINER SERENE DRIVE" and apartment measuring 756 Sq. Feet of built up area and 189 Sq. Feet of proportionate share in common areas such as passages ,lobbies ,lifts ,staircases and other areas of common use and totally measuring 945 Sq. Feet of super Built-up area approximately with one covered car parking space in the basement floor, together with 425 Sq. Feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the schedule "A" property and apartment is bounded by: East: Lobby in 'DEFINER SERENE DRIVE', West: Open towards sky in 'DEFINER SERENE DRIVE', North: Apartment bearing No. A-103 in ground floor Of Block 'A' in 'DEFINER SERENE DRIVE", South: Open towards sky in in 'DEFINER SERENE DRIVE'. The walls are built out of brick and cement and vitrified/ceramic flooring and R.C.C Roofing. It has electricity, water and sanitary connections. The wood used is Honne/Teak.	**Rs. 34,64,466.95 (Rupees Thirty Four lakhs Sixty Four thousand Four hundred Sixty Six and Ninety Five paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 22,27,000/- (Rupees Twenty Two lakhs Twenty seven thousand only)**	**Rs. 2,22,700/- (Rupees Two lakhs Twenty Two thousand Seven Hundred only)**
8	**(1) Late Dhanalaxmi K,** (Since deceased, Representing by Legal heir Vedashree and any other Legal hieres) **(2) Mrs. Vedashree** D/o Srinivasa Murthy, Dhanalakshmi K, 23/1, 4th Cross, Kempapura Agraharam, Magadi Road, Bangalore-560023. **Also at :** Mrs. Vedashree D/o Srinivasa Murthy, 824, First Floor, 6th D Cross, Prakashnagar, 3rd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore -560010.	All the piece and parcel of entire First Floor in residential building measuring 927.19 Sq.Ft of super builtup area together with 386.66 Sq.ft of undivided share, right, title and interest in property bearing BDA No. 824, New Municipal No. 824/7, PID No. 23-43-7, situated at 6th D Cross, Prakash Nagar, 3rd Stage, Rajajinagar, BBMP Ward No. 23, Bangalore with common rights over passage, staircase, open terrace, lobbies etc flooring : Granite. Bounded on : East by : Property No. 823. West by : Property No. 825, North by : Road, South by : Property no. 904 and 905.	**Rs. 43,49,637.64 (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Seven and Sixty Four Paisa only) as on 30/06/2023**	**Rs. 30,60,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)**	**Rs. 3,06,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Six Thousand only)**
9	**(1) Mr. Jagadish S,** S/o Sri Ramulu, Residing at No. 39, 1st G Cross, JS Nagar, Nandini Layout, Near Sushil Naidu Kalyana Mantapa, Bengaluru-560096. **Also at :** Mr. Jagadish S, S/o Sri Ramulu, Zaxx Unisex Saloon, No. 7/1, 2nd Stage, West of Chord Road, Mahalashmi Puram, Bengaluru-560086. **Also at :** Mr. Jagadish S, S/o Sri Ramulu, Flat No. G-101, Ground Floor, Royal Paradise, Property No. 24, Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Village , Bangalore-560070. **Also at :** Mr. Jagadish S S/o Sri Ramulu, No. 109, 8th B Cross, Near Sushil Naidu Hall, J S Nagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560096. **(2) Smt. Jayanthi B. S,** W/o Sri Jagadish S, Residing at No. 39, 1st G Cross, JS Nagar, Nandini Layout, Near Sushil Naidu Kalyana Mantapa, Bengaluru-560096. **Also at :** Smt. Jayanthi B. S, W/o Sri Jagadish S, Flat No. G-101, Ground Floor, Royal Paradise, Property No. 24, Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Village , Bangalore-560070. **Also at :** Smt. Jayanthi B. S, W/o Sri Jagadish S, Teacher at, St. Thomas Indian School, No. 34, 3rd Main, J S Nagar, Bangalore-560096.	All that piece and parcel of residential Flat No. G-101, Ground Floor, "Royal Paradise", belonging to Mr. S Jagadish, measuring 1350 Sq.Ft, super built up area containing Three Bedrooms, together with one car parking space including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase contained in the multi storeyed building constructed on the property bearing no. 4/1, (House List No. 4&9), property No. 24, Khatha No. 144/237, New Khata No. 368/10 , BBMP PID No. 55-718-4/1, Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 80feet totally measuring 2400 Sq.Ft with 405 Sq.Ft undivided interest in immovable property and bounded by : East – Property No. 3 & 10, West by -Property No. 5 & 8, North by - Road, South by – Road.	**Rs. 52,90,103.07 (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Ninety Thousand One Hundred Three and Seven Paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 40,81,700/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Eighty One Thousand and Seven Hundred only)**	**Rs. 4,08,170/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Eight Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Only)**
10.	**(1) Mr. Nagesh Appayya Nayak,** S/o Appayya Nayak, Ground Floor, 82477, 6th D Cross, 3rd Main Road, Prakash Nagar, 3rd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560021. **(2) Geetha Shenoy,** W/o Nagesh Appayya Nayak, Ground Floor, 82477, 6th D Cross, 3rd Main Road, Prakash Nagar, 3rd Stage, Rajaji Nagar, Bangalore-560021.	All that piece and parcel of property of Entire Ground Floor building measuring 830 Sq.Ft of Super Built up area together with 386.66 Sq.Ft of undivided share, Right, Title and Interest in the property situated at BDA No. 824, New Municipal No 824/7, PID No. 23-43-7, 6th D Cross, Prakashnagar, 3rd Stage, Rajajinagar, BBMP Ward No. 23, Bangalore, with common rights over passages, staircase, open terrace, lobbies etc, Flooring :Granite and bounded on : East by : Property No. 823, West by :Property No. 825, North by : Road, South by : Property No. 904 and 905.	**Rs. 36,84,793.26/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Three and Twenty Six Paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 30,16,000/- (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Sixteen Thousand only)**	**Rs. 3,01,600/- (Rupees Three Lakhs One Thousand Six Hundred Only)**
11.	**(1) Mr Rajendran R,** No 500, 15th cross, 2nd stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038 Also at: Mr Rajendran R, Support Executive, M/s Motorola, No 66, Baghmane Tech park, CV Raman nagar, Bangalore- 560093. **Also at:** Mr Rajendran R, No.28, Property No.38, Katha No.318, Mallasndra Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,Bangalore. **(2) Mrs P Vasumathy,** W/o Mr Rajendran R, No 500, 15th Cross, 2nd stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038, **Guarantor: Mrs Girija Devi B,** W/o Siddagangaiah, No 241, 10th Main, 7th cross, Hanumanth Nagar, Bangalore.	**Schedule of the Property:** All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing middle portion of site No 38 assessment No.59, Khatha No.318, situated at Mallasandra village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, earlier comes under the a administrative jurisdiction of Dasarahalli Nagarasabe, Bangalore now comes under BBMP Dasarahalli Range , Bangalore. Ward No.05, measuring East to West (22+23)/2 ft, and North to south (35+35)/2 ft measuring 787.5 sq ft. and building constructed groung floor 4 ½ Square and 1st floor 4 ½ square constructed with mud with bricks, doors and windows jungle wood and redoxid flooring, and bounded on: East : remaining portion of the same property, West: property no 37, North: Road, South Road.	**Rs. 1,25,58,273.04 (Rupees One crore Twenty Five lakhs Fifty Eight thousand Two Hundred Seventy Three and Four paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 25,27,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five lakhs Twenty Seven thousands only)**	**Rs. 2,52,700/- (Rupees Two lakhs Fifty two thousand Seven hundred only)**
12.	**(1) M/s Yash Industries,** No.71, Gollarahatti, Tulasinagar, Hosahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091 **(2) Mr. Pankaj Y Hibare,** No. 40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamakshipalya New Layout, Bangalore-560079. **(3) Mrs. Swati Mohanrao Malvadkar,** No. 40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamakshipalya New Layout, Bangalore -560079.	All that piece and parcel of Vacant site bearing no. 15 formed in Land bearing Survey No. 83/5 (Old Sy.No. 83/1), duly converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural Residential purpose, vide Conversion order no. ALN (NK) 56/2013-14, Dated 18/09/2013, situated at Arishinkunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 33' Feet and North to South: 40' Feet, in all measuring 1320 Square feet and bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Private property, North by : Site No. 14, South by Site No. 16.	**Rs. 72,92,972.49 (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy – Two and Forty Nine Paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 27,30,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand only)**	**Rs. 2,73,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand only)**
13.	**(1) M/s Yash Industries,** No.71, Gollarahatti, Tulasinagar, Hosahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore -560091 **(2) Mr. Pankaj Y Hibare,** No. 40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamakshipalya New Layout, Bangalore -560079. **(3) Mrs. Swati Mohanrao Malvadkar,** No. 40/3, Near Gopi School, Kamakshipalya New Layout, Bangalore -560079.	All that piece and parcel of Vacant site bearing no. 14 formed in Land bearing Survey No. 83/5 (Old Sy.No. 83/1), duly converted from Agricultural to Non Agricultural Residential purpose, vide Conversion order no. ALN (NK) 56/2013-14, Dated 18/09/2013, situated at Arishinkunte Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: Northern Side 35' Feet, Southern Side 33' Feet and North to South: 40' Feet, in all measuring 1360 Square feet and bounded as follows: East by : Road, West by : Private property, North by : Site No. 13, South by Site No. 15.	**Rs. 72,92,972.49 (Rupees Seventy-Two Lakhs Ninety-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy – Two and Forty Nine Paisa only) as on 30/11/2023**	**Rs. 27,30,000/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Thirty Thousand only)**	**Rs. 2,73,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand only)**
14.	**(1) Mr.Shivanna Manjunath** S/o Mr. Madaiah Vishwanath, No.515/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Kavika Layout, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560026. **(2) Mrs.Bhagyalakshmi,** W/o Mr.Shivanna Vishwanath, No.:515/2, 1st Floor, 2nd Cross, Kavika Layout, Mysore Road, Bengaluru - 560026	All that piece and parcel of 3 Bedroom Flat bearing No.:309, G-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, "CHOURASIA MANOR PHASE-II" Apartment, Sy No.:73/2,73/3, 73/5 situated at Panathur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore – 560 037, with super built up area of 1530 Sq.Ft along with 474 Sq.Ft of undivided Share of Land and together with one covered Car Parking and bounded on: Land Boundaries: East by : Land bearing Sy No.:70, West by : Land bearing Sy No:.73/1, North by :Road and Sy No.:74, South by :Land bearing Sy No.:73/4 **Flat Boundaries:** East by : Flat No.:308 & Open Corridor, West by : Open to Sky, North by : Flat No.:310, South by : Open to Sky. **(Note: The above-mentioned property is mortgaged in favour of Bank based on Sale Agreement executed by Builder in favour of Borrower)**	**Rs. 1,18,34,125.28 (Rupees One Crore Eighteen Lakhs Thirty-Four Thousand One Hundred Twenty-Five and Paisa Twenty-Eight only) as on 30.11.2023**	**Rs. 43,61,000/- (Rupees Forty-Three Lakhs and Sixty-One Thousand only)**	**Rs. 4,36,100/- (Rupees Four lakhs Thirty-Six Thousand and One Hundred only)**
15.	**(1) Late Vijesh A V Since deceased represented by his Legal Heir/s Mrs.Mini Vijesh,** W/o Late Vijesh A V, No.106, Ground Floor, Rathna Deepak Apartment, Yelachenahalli, J.P Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 078.	All that part and parcel of a 2 Bedroom Residential Flat number GF-106, Ground Floor, at a building known as "Rathna Deepaka Lake View-Phase 2" with super built up area 930 Sq.ft with 279 Sq.ft of UDS and one car parking at building property situated at Site Nos.12,13,14,15 & 11/7, BBMP Khata No.396/384/12,13,14,15/11/7/338,Coverted Sy No.8/3, situated at Yelachenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru,CMC Ward No.:30, new BBMP ward No.:185, measuring East to West : (58 ½ + 76)/2 Feet and North to South :125 Feet, in all measuring 8406.25 Sq.Ft and bounded on : East by: Remaining portion of property V Selvaraj & Private Property, West by: V Selvaraj Property, North by: Private Property, South by: Road.	**Rs. 30,87,153.24 (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Eighty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Three and Paisa Twenty-Four only) as on 30.11.2023**	**Rs. 28,13,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Eight Lakhs and Thirteen Thousand only)**	**Rs. 2,81,300/- (Rupees Two lakhs Eighty-One Thousand and Three Hundred only)**

The above said properties will be sold by "Online". Online E-Auction will be held through web portal/website **www.mstcecommerce.com** on the date and time mentioned above with unlimited extension of 10 minutes. The intending bidders / purchasers required to register through **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp** by using their mobile number and valid email:id. They are further required to upload KYC documents and Bank Details. The intended bidder may contact the **Branch Manager of Union Bank of India. Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru Contact No. 8369255990, 080-29570555** for inspection of property and also visit the above mentioned website for ascertaining the details of auction.

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER Rule 8(6) Rule 9(1) OF STATUTORY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002

This may also be treated as notice u/s 8(6) Rule 9(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrowers and Guarantors of the said loan about the holding of E-Auction Sale on the above mentioned date.

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date : 22.12.2023 **Union Bank of India.**

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Colombo	29	24	LC	Melbourne	25	12	HR
Dhaka	32	27	SNY	Moscow	21	8	HR
Dubai	39	31	SNY	New York	26	16	LC
Houston	31	23	SNY	Singapore	32	27	SNY
Istanbul	29	17	SNY	Toronto	19	11	LC
London	24	13	LC	Washington	27	14	SNY

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Israeli airstrike kills 76 members of one Gaza family

Iran's Raisi slams inability of international organisations to stop war; Khamenei reiterates calls on Muslim countries to cut ties with Israel

Palestinians wounded in the Israeli bombardment of the Gaza Strip are brought to the hospital in Deir al Balah, Gaza Strip on Saturday | AP

RAFAH

MORE than 90 Palestinians, including dozens from an extended family, were killed in Israeli airstrikes on two homes, rescuers and hospital officials said on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, the Israeli military said troops arrested hundreds of alleged militants in Gaza over the past week and transferred more than 200 of them to Israel for further interrogation, providing rare details on a controversial policy of mass roundups of Palestinian men. The army said more than 700 people with alleged ties to the militant groups Hamas and Islamic Jihad have so far been sent to Israeli lockups.

On Friday, airstrikes flattened two homes, one in Gaza City and the other in the urban refugee camp of Nuseirat in the centre of the territory.

The Gaza City strike killed 76 people from the al-Mughrabi family, making it one of the deadliest of the war, said Mahmoud Bassal, a spokesman for Gaza's Civil Defence department. He provided the names of 16 heads of households within the family, and said the dead included women and children.

Among those killed were Issam al-Mughrabi, a veteran employee of UN Development Programme, his wife, and their five children. "The loss of Issam and his family has deeply affected us all. The UN and civilians in Gaza are not a target," said Achim Steiner, the head of the agency. "This war must end."

Meanwhile, Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi on Saturday slammed the "inefficacy" of international bodies to halt the deadly fighting between Israel and Hamas.

Raisi's remarks during a conference in Tehran in support of the Palestinians came a day after the UNSC approved a much-delayed resolution demanding aid be allowed into the besieged Hamas-run territory "at scale."

"The inability and inefficacy of international organisations has become clear to everyone in the world," Raisi said. "The Security Council... officially announced its desperation, and said that there is nothing we can do," he added. "International organisations have also announced that there is nothing we can do."

Also on Saturday, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said in a statement that the conflict in Gaza has "exposed" the "false human rights claims" by the United States and other Western allies of Israel.

He reiterated calls on Muslim countries "to cut ties" with Israel. *Agencies*

China may revise gaming rules after tech stocks tumble

SHANGHAI

CHINESE authorities may revise newly drafted online gaming rules, state media reported on Saturday, a day after the announcement of the planned curbs triggered a sell-off in major tech stocks.

The draft restrictions published by Beijing's media regulator on Friday sent shares in tech giants tumbling and wiped tens of billions of dollars off their value, with industry leader Tencent tanking more than 12% in Hong Kong by the close. Friday's news wiped around $54 billion off the company's share value, according to *Bloomberg News*.

"With regard to the concerns and opinions raised by all parties... the State Press and Publication Administration will study them carefully and will further revise and improve them," state broadcaster *CCTV* reported on Saturday.

Regulators may change the wording of sections of the draft rules that limit games' ability to encourage daily logins and wallet top-ups, *CCTV* said.

Beijing first moved against the gaming sector in 2021 as part of a sprawling crackdown on Big Tech, including a strict cap on the amount of time children could spend playing online.

An end to a freeze in gaming licences had raised hopes that the focus on the industry had subsided.

But, in their current form, the draft regulations announced on Friday are aimed at limiting in-game purchases and preventing obsessive gaming behaviour.

They also reiterate a ban on "forbidden online game content... that endangers national unity" and "endangers national security or harms national reputation and interests."

Pop-ups warning users of "irrational" playing behaviour would also be introduced.

Since 2021, children under 18 years old have only been allowed to play online between 8.00 pm and 9.00 pm on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the school term.

Gamers are required to use their ID cards when registering to play online to ensure minors do not lie about their age. "The largest risk we see is how this draft indicates that China's government may want to regulate adult gamers spending on video games, in a similar manner to youth gamers," Daniel Ahmad, director of research at Niko Partners, told *AFP*.

"Should future policies mirror these stringent measures, the industry could face substantial negative consequences," he said.

China is the world's largest gaming market, and Tencent is the global leader in the sector in terms of revenue. *AFP*

US Supreme Court declines to fast-track Trump's immunity case

WASHINGTON

THE US Supreme Court declined on Friday to immediately hear former president Donald Trump's claim that he is immune from prosecution, potentially delaying his 2020 election interference trial.

The ruling is a scheduling win for Trump and his lawyers, who have sought repeatedly to delay the criminal cases against him as he campaigns to reclaim the White House in 2024. It averts a swift ruling from the nation's highest court that could have definitively turned aside his claims of immunity, and it further throws into doubt the possibility of the landmark trial proceeding as scheduled on March 4.

The issue will now be decided by the US Court of Appeals for District of Columbia Circuit, which has signaled it will act quickly to decide the case.

Special counsel Jack Smith had cautioned that even a rapid appellate decision might not get to the Supreme Court in time for review and final word before the court's traditional summer break.

Jack Smith had pressed the Supreme Court to intervene, citing significant public interest in a prompt resolution to the case.

EXPRESS READ

Swedish citizen faces execution in Iran

Geneva: The United Nations warned on Saturday that an Iranian-Swedish citizen is facing imminent execution in Iran after a Swedish court upheld the conviction of a former Iranian prison official. "Disturbing news that Dr. Ahmadreza Djalali could be shortly executed on charges of 'enmity against God'," the UN human rights office said on X.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority - Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) Government of India), has accorded the Environmental Clearance Residential Buildings Project on the property bearing several survey numbers 4/9,4/10,5,59,&60/4P of Chikkavaderapura and SyNo.18/1, 18/2, 18/3,18/4, 18/5 & 19/3 of Heggondahalli Village Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District being developed by M/s. Neobuild Ventures LLP, vide order No. SEIAA 128 CON 2023 Dated 25.09.2023. The said copy of environment clearance is available with the SEIAA office and the website of MOEF&CC at https://parivesh.nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that our client **I M/s. SOWMYA INFRA PROJECTS,** A Partnership firm Represented by it's Partner, **Mr. E. VISWANATHA REDDY, has irretrievably lost/misplaced registered ORIGINAL SALE DEED vide documents No. ANK-1-02330/2016-17, dated: 12.07.2016, stored in CD No. ANKD406. In this regard a complaint has been lodged before the Hebbagodi Police, vide petition No. 3063/1333/2023.**

If any person finds or gets the said lost / misplaced original document is requested to handover the same to our client the above named/inform the undersigned forthwith.

P. NAGAMUNI REDDY,
Advocate, SNN Associates,
No.248, 2nd Floor, 10th Main, 1st Block, 100 Feet Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560043, Land Mark Near Horamavu Signal, Above Canara Bank & HDFC ATM.
M : 9945159840 / 9902129154 / 8197205780

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public is hereby notified that, my client is intending to buy the below mentioned schedule property, from its owners **Mr.B.N. Surya Prakash S/o Late B.N.Nanjundaiah** and **Mr.B.N. Sathyanarayana S/o Late B.N.Nanjundaiah,** Residing at Chikkaramanahalli Village, Channarayapattana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562110, if anyone having any interest over the said property in any manner kind may approach and submit your Objections with documents to the below mentioned advocate within **7 days**, or else it will be treated that there are no objections from the any one at any corner.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the agriculture property bearing **Sy No.22/3** measuring **2 acre 01 Guntas**, out of 2 acre 21 guntas, standing in the joint names of **Mr.B.N. Surya Prakash S/o Late B.N.Nanjundaiah and Mr.B.N. Sathyanarayana S/o Late B.N.Nanjundaiah, Chikkaramanahalli Village, Channarayapattana Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District-562110,** Bounded on:
East by : Border of Doddathathamangala and Private property, West by : Property of Sy No. 22/2 and 22/1, North by : Border of Doddathathamangala, South by : Road

Mr.Manoj Gowda.P, Advocate,
M.G.P Advocate Associates,
Opp- Mini Vidhana Soudha,
B.B.Road, Devanahalli Town- 562110.

Can Fin Homes Ltd

Can Fin Homes Ltd (Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
Bidadi Branch

Sri.Annapoorneshwari Complex,
Above Canara Bank,B.G.S. Road,
Bangalore – 562109, Ph: 080-2728250 Mob: 7625079189
e-mail Id: bidadi@canfinhomes.com
CIN No. L85110KA1987PLC008699

POSSESSION NOTICE

(For Immovable Property) [Rule 8 (1)]

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice on the below mentioned dates calling upon the following borrower(s)/co-borrowers/guarantors to repay the amount mentioned in the notice with further interest at contractual rates till date of realization within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below, against each borrower, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on dates mentioned hereinafter.

Sl. No	Name of the Borrowers	Description of the property mortgaged	Date of Demand Notice	Out-standing Amount	Date of Possession
1	**Mrs. Jayalakshmi T** W/o Thammanna & **Mr.Channegowda** S/o Thammanna	**All that piece and parcel of the property bearing** Kaneshumari no 301/6/627 Property no. 152900101400320110 Situated in Santhemogena halli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara. **measuring** East to West 11.277600 meters **and** North to South 14.3256000,**Total measuring** 161.55 sq mtr **bounded on:** East by :Remaining property of applicant, West by : Remaining property of applicant, North by : Remaining property of applicant, South by : Land of Shankegowda S/o Suddgade Gowda	**29.09.2023**	**Rs. 23,61,572/-**	**22.12.2023**
2	**Mrs.Honnamma C** W/o Chikkanna, **Mr.chikkanna** S/o Lingegowda, **Mr.Pradeep C S** S/o Chikkanna **And Mrs.Shruthi B C** D/o Chikkanna.	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Kaneshumari no 181 Property no. 152900400600100210 Situated in Biligumba Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara. **measuring** East to West 20 meters **and** North to South 30 **Total measuring** 600Sqft, **bounded on:** East by : Property of Dhananjaya, West by: Property of Shival ingamma, North by : Property of Jayaramaiah, South by : Road.	**29.09.2023**	**Rs. 11,39,141/-**	**22.12.2023**

**Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*
You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 23.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Limited

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name : Sri.Krishan Kant S/o Vidya Sagar Rastogi, Chief Manager
E-mail ID: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: 9480841423 Ph:080-2594-3678/3663

Address of the Branch :
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
Building No.11/90, III Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru-5600002, KARNATAKA.

APENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE ASSET UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 8 (6) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India on the Secured Creditor, will be sold on " As is Where is", As is What is" and Whatever there is" on **24 January 2024**, for recovery of **Rs. 1,62,25,761/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lac Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred And Sixty One Only) as on **19.12.2023** plus accrued interest and other incidental expenses due to the secured creditor from **M/s. SLV Concrete** and **guarantors/partners of the firm 1) Mr. Muniappa Muniraju** S/o. Muniyappa Bhovi, **2) Mr. Ashok Munivenkatappa** S/o. Munivenkatappa. The Reserve price, earnest money deposit and bid increment amount and last date for receipt of EMD will be as under

Property No.	Reserve Price (Below which the properties will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount
1.	Rs. 70,30,000/-	Rs. 7,000,00/-	Rs. 70,000/-
2.	Rs. 70,30,000/-	Rs. 7,000,00/-	Rs. 70,000/-

Description of the Property : Schedule-A : All that piece and parcel of The immovable Property bearing Sy No.11/2 and 130/8 measuring 95 gnats converted non agricultural land for residential purpose vide endorsements, No.ALN (A) (A) SR.25/201112, ALN(A) (A) SR89/2010-11 and ALN(A)89/2010-11. Situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk and **bounded as follows : East :** Road, **West :** Property owned by Anu Agarwal, Anantha Nagar Layout, **North :** Daddy Elixir Apartments and VMAKs Roselle Apartment, **South :** Sy No. 11/3, (91st Phase of Prakruthi Solitaire)

Schedule "B" Property : 540 Sq Ft. undivided share, right title and interest and Ownership in the Schedule A Property.

Property No. 1 : (Title deed holder : Mr. Ashok Munivenkatappa S/o. Munivenkatappa) All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment measuring a super built up area of 1800 sq ft bearing Katha No.150200103101121112 and Katha Extract No.8230/TK/K 302 for 3BHK flat no.K-302 located in the 3rd floor of K-Block the apartment called Prakruthi Solitaire developed on the Schedule-A mentioned property,together with 1 covered car parking space in the basement and right to use all common amenities and facilities. **Bounded by : East :** Open Space, **West :** Lobby, **North :** Open Space, **South :** L-303.

Property No. 2 : (Title deed holder:Mr.Muniappa Muniraju S/o Muniyappa Bhovi) All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment measuring a super built up area of 1800 sq ft bearing Katha No.150200103101121104 and Katha Extract no.822/FF/K-102 for 3BHK flat No.K-102 located in the 1st Floor of K-Block the apartment called Prakurthi Solitaire developed on the Schedule-A mentioned property, together with 1 covered car parking space in the basement and right to use all common amenities and facilities. **Bounded by : East :** Open Space, **West :** Lobby, **North :** Open Space, **South :** K 103.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties, For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in State Bank of India, https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index. jsp or Banks approved Resolution Agent, Mruthyunjaya Recovery Agency,Mr. Waseem 7899989333.

Date: 19.12.2023
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 406SE/PHC/ TSR/2023-24

1. JJM - WSS to Irinjalakuda Municipality and Muriyad&Velookkara Panchayaths - 12m dia intake well cum pump house, Raw water pump set , 500 KVA & 100 KVA transformer at Well site. EMD : Rs. 2,00,000/-, Tender fee : Rs. 11,800/-, Last Date for submitting Tender : 10-01-2024 03:00:pm, Phone : 0487 – 2423230

Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-1883 -2023-24 — Superintending Engineer, PH Circle,Thrissur

ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಪುತ್ತೂರು

ಕಿಲ್ಲೆ ಮೈದಾನ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಪುತ್ತೂರು, ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ಕನ್ನಡ–574201
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: **co.puttur@gmail.com** ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: **www.putturcity.mrc.gov.in**
ಪು.ನ.ಸ/ಎ.ನಿ/05/ಆ.ಎ.ಓ.ಆರ್/267/23–24 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22/12/2023

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ CALL-3

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಪುತ್ತೂರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ ಮತ್ತು ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ.ಪಿ.ಎಫ್ ಮತ್ತು ಇ.ಎಸ್.ಐ ನೋಂದಾವಣೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿರ್ದಿಷ್ಟ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ **(tender document KW4)** ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು **kppp.karnatata.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 22/12/2023 ರಂದು ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದ್ದು, ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು/ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06/01/2024 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆ** (3) ಸ್ವೀಕೃತವಾದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ: **08/01/2024 ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ**. (4) ಹಣಕಾಸಿನ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: ಅರ್ಹ ಬಿಡ್ಡುದಾರರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. (5) ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ತೆರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ GST ಯನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿದ ದರವನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸುವುದು. (6) ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳು ಅಥವಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ನಲ್ಲಿನ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಯನ್ನು ಕೊರಿಜೆಂಡಮ್ /ಅಡೆಂಡಮ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು: ಸ್ವಚ್ಛ ಭಾರತ ಮತ್ತು ನಗರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ (1) ಪುತ್ತೂರು ನಗರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಘನತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಘಟಕದಲ್ಲಿನ ಪಾರಂಪರಿಕ ತ್ಯಾಜ್ಯ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿಗೊಳಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ **DMA/2023-24/OW/WORK_INDENT 583/call-3** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ: **342.16 ಲಕ್ಷ,** ಕೆಲಸ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಅವಧಿ: **6 ತಿಂಗಳು,** ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ E-procurement ನಂತೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **www.putturcity.mrc.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ನಗರಸಭೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗವನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/–, ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಪುತ್ತೂರು

ಸಹಿ/–, ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಪುತ್ತೂರು

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/933/23-24 Dt. 23.12.2023

Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Bagalkot

Tel Phone.: 08354- 235042 Fax: 08354-235043
E-mail ID: bgkeezpe@yahoo.com

No: EE/PRED/BGK/PB-3/KPS/Tender/2023-24/ 2378
Date: 22.12.2023

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two Cover System)

(KW-4 Bid Document)

Tender Called for the Work in the above notification through E-mode tendering is read as below.

Item rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-4 through Public electronic Tendering System **(E-Tender from Class-1 contractor (Civil) registered in KPWD),** Who have got adequate financial resources, State of Technology, Suitable Construction equipments technical man Power & Sufficient past Experience for the following Work as per Schedule Given Below.

Tender Called for ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಸನ್ 2022–23ನೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಲು ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಶೇಷ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ರೂ. 602.77 ಲಕ್ಷ ಅನುದಾನ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಆಯ್ಕೆಯಾದ ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಬೀಳಗಿ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಮತಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ **ರೂ. 135.66 ಲಕ್ಷ** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ.

Scheme Under Work Indent No: RDPR/2023-24/BD/ WORK_INDENT1323 **read as below.**

Calendar of events

1	Request of blank Tender Documents and receipt of Completed Technical & Financial Bid through e-procurement	**Dt:21.12.2024 to 18.01.2024 at 5.30pm**
2	Pre-Bid meeting Date	**Dt:12.01.2024 at 11.00am**
3	Opening of Technical Bid Date	**Dt:20.01.2024 at 11.00am**
4	Opening of Financial Bid Date	**Technical Bid Approved**

Note: More details can be obtained through website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the below signed Office during the office hours. Phone no: 08354-235042

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ./ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ/250/
2023-24/ದೇಶಕಾಂಡಿಷ್ಟಪ

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
P.R.E. Division, Bagalkot

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Sri.NARASIMHA MURTHY,T S/o. Thimmanna, No.279/A, 10th Main, 2 nd Stage, Milk Colony, Malleshwaram West, Bengaluru-560 055 and presently at No.1858, 6th Cross, K.S.Town, Bengaluru-560 060 informs the General Public that I lost my BAG containing Original Agreement dated 3/11/2023 executed by Smt.Vadlamudi Madhavi @ Madhavi Vadlamudi in favour of myself and Smt.Savitha.K and in respect of Site Nos.91,92, 93, 94, 145 and 146 of different measurement, situated at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalaore South Taluk bearing e-stamp certificate No.IN-KA32425914375706V DATED 3/11/2023 I ALSO lost Sale Agreement dated 6/12/2023 executed by me in favour of Miss..Chaitra P in respect of Agricultural Land bearing Sy No.14/1A, 0-15 Guntas out of land Measuring 0-22 Guntas including 0-01 Gunta Kharab bearing e-stamp certificate No.IN-KA62221129672921V DATED 6/12/2023. I also lost two cheques bearing Nos 077172 and 077173 dated 6/12/2023 drawn on Axis Bank Ltd, Mahalakshmi Layout Branch each amounting to Rs.Five Lakhs only along with other valuable documents.. I also given police Complaint on 8/12/2023 vide Loss Report GSCNo.0839889/2023 in Bangalore City Police. I request if anybody possessed or in custody of bag with document, may kindly return back to the above address or contact me on my mobile No.96322-27878

NARASIMHA MURTHY.T
Place:Bengaluru Date: 23.12.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed that to the General Public that our client Karnataka Chinmaya Seva Trust, Deenabandhu Devasthanam, Chinmaya Mission Hospital Road, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038 has lost the original sale deed dated 30-4-1991 registered before Krishnarajapura Senior Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru numbered as Book No. 1, Volume No. 280, page number 108-110 No. 580/1991-92 dated 11-6-1991, property bearing site number 21, Khatha number 56 situated at Chinappanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk with built up area of 200 square feet asbestos roofing on a site measuring East to West 60ft. And North to South 40ft (18.3 metres X 12.2 metres) Total 223.25 sq. metres., In this regard my client has lodged a complaint at E-lost report, dated 18.12.2023, Vide lost report No.0854039/2023. If any person finds the said original sale deed, kindly inform/hand over to my client at the above mentioned address. Now the schedule property is in my client's name and position. My client intends to sell the property. Hence kindly hand over the original sale deed to the undersigned address within seven days from this notice. If any person misuses the said document or if any transaction has taken place with respect to the said property, my client is not liable for such illegal transactions.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Original sale deed dated 30.04.1991, registered before Krishnarajapura Senior Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru. Numbered as Book No. 1, Volume No. 280 page No. 108-110, No. 580/1991-92, dated 11.06.1991. Property bearing Site No.21, Katha No. 56, situated at Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, with built area of 200 Sq. Ft, asbestos roofing on a site measuring East to West 60 feet. And North to South 40 feet (18.3 metres X 12.2 metres) Total 223.25 sq metres.

B. Somaskanda, Advocate
Share Office Solutions,
849, 1st Floor, 12th Cross, 4th Main,
Indiranagar 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560038.
Date : 22-12-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, our client has agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owner **Miss.S.SWARNA GOWRI (SUBBARAMAIAH SWARNAGOWRI)** D/o late Sri.S.Subbaramaiah, residing in the Schedule Property. If any persons have any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property, they are hereby requested to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **14 (Fourteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing **Municipal No.3 (CITB/BDA Site No.533), PID No.58-93-3,** measuring East to West 30ft and North to South 50ft, in all measuring 1500 Sq.ft, with a house building thereon, situated at **42nd Cross Road, 8th Block Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560070,** within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No.179 and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing No.534
West by : Property bearing No.532
North by : Property bearing No.526
South by : 42nd Cross Road

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 2nd Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, 22nd Main Road, BSK 2nd Stage, Opp: Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070.

ONLINE E-AUCTION SALE OF ASSET

KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED
Registered office: 27 BKC, C 27, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E) Mumbai, Maharashtra, Pin Code-400 051
Branch Office:, Corporate House, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Bengaluru – 560 001

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice For Sale Of Immovable Assets Under The Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 under Rule 8(5) Read with proviso to rule 8 (6) Of The Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002.

Notice Is Hereby Given To The Public In General And In Particular To The Borrower (S) And Guarantor (S) That The Below Described Immovable Property Mortgaged/Charged To The Secured Creditor, The physical Possession Of Which Has Been Taken By The Authorised Officer Of Kotak Mahindra Bank Ltd. KMBL On 07.09.2023, pursuant to the assignment of debt in its favour by State Bank of India (SBI), Will Be Sold On "As Is Where Is", "As Is What Is", And "Whatever There Is" basis On **31.01.2024 Between 12:00 Pm To 01:00 Pm With Unlimited Extension Of 5 Minutes,** For Recovery Of **Rs. 1,76,48,499.22/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakh Fourty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Nine and Twenty Two Paise Only) As Of 30.11.2023 Along With Future Interest Applicable, From 01.12.2023 Until Payment In Full With Cost And Charges** as per Recovery Certificate issued by DRT Banglore **under the loan .APAC NO. 4963(Cash Credit and Medium Term loan),** due To KMBL, Secured Creditor **From M/S FREEZE MANNEQUINE CO, PARTNERSHIP FIRM Through SHRI NAND MEHRA - PARTNER, SMT. POOJA MEHRA PARTNER, SHRI GAUTAM MEHRA PARTNER & SMT. RATHNA DEVI** The Reserve Price will be **Rs.1,30,00,000/- (Rupees One Crore Thirty Lakh Only)**And The Earnest Money Deposit Will Be **Rs.13,00,000/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Only)**&Last Date Of Submission Of EMD With KYC Is **30.01.2024** UP TO 6:00 P.M. (IST.)

Property Description:- ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF THE PROPERTY AT SITE NO.2500, 3RD CROSS ROAD, 4TH MAIN ROAD, HAL EXTENSION, 3RD STAGE, KONENA AGRAHARA, BENGALURU -560035 MEASURING EAST TO WEST 30 FEET, AND NORTH TO SOUTH 40 FEET, TOGETHER WITH ALL RIGHTS, APPURTANCES WHATSOEVER UNDERNEATH OR ABOVE THE SURFACE AND BOUNDED ONEAST BY :- SITE NO. 2501,WEST BY :- SITE NO. 2499,NORTH BY:- SITE NO.2483,SOUTH BY :- ROAD. (TOGETHER WITH GROUND FLOOR, RESIDENTIAL RCC CONSTRUCTION WITH BUILT-UP AREA OF 1200 SQ.FT. HAVING ACCOMMODATION OF TWO BEDROOM, HALL AND KITCHEN AND FIRST FLOOR OF 430 SQ.FT. HAVING ACCOMMODATION OF ONE BEDROOM, HALL AND KITCHEN,)

The Borrower's Attention Is Invited To The Provisions Of Sub Section 8 Of Section 13, Of The SARFAESI Act, In Respect Of The Time Available, To Redeem The Secured Asset.

Public in General and borrowers in particular please take notice that if in case auction scheduled herein fails for any reason whatsoever then secured creditor may enforce security interest by way of sale through private treaty, at the discretion of the secured creditor.

IN CASE OF ANY CLARIFICATION/REQUIREMENT REGARDING ASSETS UNDER SALE, BIDDER MAY CONTACTto, **Mr. SHANKARNARAYAN BHAT (+91 97422 72883)&MR. SANTOSH R (+91 9108998954), MS. BRAHMI CHITTUR (+91 9819696024).**

FOR DETAILED TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE, PLEASE REFER TO THE LINK **HTTPS://WWW.KOTAK.COM/EN/BANK-AUCTIONS.HTML** PROVIDED IN KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK WEBSITE I.E. WWW.KOTAK.COM AND/OR ON **HTTPS://BANKAUCTIONS.IN/**

PLACE:BANGALORE
DATE:24.12.2023

AUTHORIZED OFFICER,
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LIMITED

8.38% increase in domestic coal-based power generation to 779.1 billion units in April-November FY24 , an official statement said on Saturday

VOICES

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New challenge is BCCI filing insolvency plea against the former cricket team sponsor

BYJU'S YEAR OF CHALLENGES: WILL 2024 BE ANY DIFFERENT?

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THE year 2023 has not turned up well for Indian start-ups – none more so than Byju's, the marquee name in the Indian start-up and Unicorn space. The edtech company, which was not so long ago seen as a testament to the success of India's start-up ecosystem, has seen it all during the year –investigation for FEMA violation, large-scale layoffs, defaults and mass exodus at the top.

And as the year draws to a close, the Byju Raveendran founded firm is now facing a new challenge – the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) filing an insolvency petition against the erstwhile sponsor of Indian cricket team. Though every now and then founder Byju Raveendran held shareholders meetings and took steps to keep employee morale up, edtech experts and analysts say these challenges show sheer inability in reading the situation and taking timely corrective action and cutting the cash drain.

On December 5, about 50 leaders attended an interactive leadership huddle and Byju Raveendran himself discussed five challenges that the company faced in 2023. We list here the five challenges faced by the company.

Litigation over Term Loan B

The firm secured a $1.2 billion term loan in November 2021. It went on an acquisition spree and lenders have been demanding for a full refund. This challenge, according to Byju Raveendran, could be resolved post the sale of Epic, a subsidiary of Byju's in the US.

Byju's has been trying to sell US-based digital reading platform Epic that it acquired in July 2021 for $500 million. Previously the company had acquired Osmo for $120 million, WhiteHat Jr for $300 million, Aakash for about $1 billion. It also plans to sell Great Learning, a professional learning platform that it acquired for about $600 million. According to Tracxn, the company has made 19 acquisitions so far and nine acquisitions in 2021 alone.

"As a keen observer of Byju's, I was unable to understand the strategic intent behind their acquisitions. For example, the company was built for disrupting classroom teaching and making high quality coaching possible to a wider audience through online. If this was the core business purpose, it baffles me when Byju's buys out Aakash," says Ganesh Mahadevan, Partner, Thinksynq.

This exact business is what Byju's was going after originally. Did they do it because their core business was not gaining traction or they just wanted to build a topline quickly by buying out the large legacy player. If it is the former then the very purpose for which Byju's was built is shaking and if it is the latter, lazy short-term thinking," adds Mahadevan.

Delay in FY22 financials

After repeated delays in filings its FY22 results with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), edtech company Byju's last month reported an EBITDA loss of the core business to Rs 2,253 crore y-o-y in FY22, about 6% lower than Rs 2,406 crore loss it posted in the previous year. However, only during the recent Annual General Meeting, its FY22 earnings were approved. BDO was reappointed as the statutory auditors of the company.

In June, its auditor- Deloitte Haskins & Sells, the biggest audit firm, exited with immediate effect due to the delay in the filing of FY22 financial results. Byju's immediately announced the appointment of BDO (MSKA & Associates) as statutory auditors for the year commencing from FY22 for the next five years.

Byju Raveendran pledged his properties to raise funds to pay staff salaries.

Anil Joshi, Managing Partner, Unicorn India Ventures, says, the edtech sector is currently going through a challenging phase mainly due to the drop in online adoption model and revenue. "Low interest from investors is resulting in cash flow issues for growing companies with higher burn. Though there is potential in the model but needs to evolve post normalcy in the education sector post pandemic," Joshi adds.

ED notice

Recently, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) issued a show-cause notice to Byju's in relation to FEMA (Foreign Exchange Management Act) violations. According to Byju's, the notice was related to procedural deficiencies under FEMA and that most of these issues have already been addressed.

The federal probe agency had initiated investigation on the basis of various complaints regarding the foreign investment received by the company Think and Learn Private Limited and the business conduct of the company.

NOT YET OUT OF THE WOOD

- Byju's claims it has over 150 million registered learners globally and a presence in 120 countries
- Byju Raveendran in December said the company will overcome challenges in next three months
- The founder pledged his houses to pay staff salaries
- The company was valued at $22 billion in July 2022, and recently investment company Prosus marked down its valuation to less than $3 billion
- Byju's reported an EBITDA loss of ₹2,253 crore in FY22 compared to ₹2,406 crore reported in FY21
- Byju's will launch Aakash IPO by mid-2024
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Davidson Kempner loan

The family office of Ranjan Pai, Manipal Education and Medical Group Chairman, invested ₹1,400 crore in the edtech firm's subsidiary Aakash Education Services to clear its debt to Davidson Kempner. In structured debt in May, Kempner had provided the edtech company with $250 million, but it withheld about $100 million due to the crisis in Byju's. Byju Raveendran said Aakash is now set for a record-breaking admissions season.

In June, Byju's announced that it will launch the Initial Public Offering (IPO) of its subsidiary, Aakash Education Services Limited (AESL) mid next year. It had said that AESL's revenue was on track to reach Rs 4,000 crore with an EBITDA of Rs 900 crore in the fiscal year 2023-24. With over 325 centres, Aakash serves over 400,000 students across the country.

Resource optimisation

One of the challenges of the edtech company is the need to tackle resource optimisations to achieve profitability at the group level. After taking over as the India CEO of the edtech firm in September, Arjun Mohan started a business restructuring exercise to simplify operating structures, reduce the cost base and better cash flow management.

The edtech firm is now focusing on Byju's 3.0, which is about deep tech driven personalisation with the right approach and accountability to sales. The company has been laying off many employees, and in September, as part of its restructuring exercise under Arjun Mohan, it started firing about 4,000 employees. Gaurav VK Singhvi, co-founder of We Founder Circle, says the next two quarters might still be bit bumpy for edtech sector. "However, come April 2024, we are gearing up for a positive turnaround in the world of edtech. While we brace ourselves for a short-term dip, the horizon is painted with the colours of growth and resurgence," he adds.

NEWSCOPE

FEWER PLAYERS, LESS CREATIVITY MARKS MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT

GURBIR SINGH

THE crowded and somewhat vibrant media and entertainment industry in India is cleaning out with a spate of mergers. What's emerging are just 3-4 large players after the exit of many of the big media conglomerates like NewsCorp (Star TV) and Viacom. Unhappily, the consolidation is in news media too, leaving a narrower choice for the discerning news junkie.

A few days ago, the Adani group created ripples when its media company AMG Media Networks acquired 50.5% stake in the new agency Indo-Asian News Service (IANS). The agency, launched in 1986 by the India-American publisher Gopal Raju, was earlier christened the India Abroad News Service, and made a mark in distribution of 'sub-continent' news in international markets.

The acquisition displays the long-term play of billionaire entrepreneur Gautam Adani. Exactly a year ago, in December, the Adani Group through a subsidiary, acquired just over 27% of NDTV's shares from the original promoters – Prannoy and Radhika Roy for about Rs 600 crore, completing a long-rankling, hostile takeover. Some saw it as a one-off by Adani to quell a critical voice in the news arena.

But it was not a one-off. Earlier, in November 2022, the Adani Group completed a two-part acquisition of the Raghav Behl-promoted Quintillion Business Media that gave it control over several digital properties like 'The Quint'.

Then there was the big buzz on a possible acquisition of the Times Group (Bennett, Coleman & Co). But then along came the Hindenburg Researchreport on 24 January which changed many an acquisition plan. With the IANS takeover now, is it a signal that Adani is media hunter once again?

Two big mergers

Over the last few weeks, the outlines of a much bigger merger has been cropping up. Walt Disney Company, which hasn't exactly rocketed into the stratosphere after it took over Star TV from NewsCorp in 2019, has been in talks with Reliance for a merger, and then a possible exit from India.

The move could rocket Reliance, which has a controlling stake over the entertainment group Viacom18, and news business TV18, to an unassailable No.1 spot. However, red flags have been raised about the deal. A merged entity with 120 TV channels, along with two aggressive streaming services – Jio Cinema and Disney Hotstar, who hold most of the digital cricketing rights in India – will become a monopoly controlling both eyeballs and the advertising market. It is to be seen if the lumbering Com-

SOURAV ROY

petition Commission (CCI) will step in.

The other piece of merger jigsaw that is still to fall in place is the Zee-Sony deal. About two years ago, the two behemoths signed up for an arrangement that would create a $10 billion entity with Sony and Zee promoters holding 51% and 4%, respectively. The combined powerhouse will have 70 TV channels on air, as well as two fairly successful streaming services – Zee5 and SonyLIV.

However, the merger has been lurching from one crisis to another. First, it was a friendly investor, Invesco, who turned rogue and almost bagged Zee in a hostile takeover.. After that, SEBI moved in and barred Zee's chief, Punit Goenka, from holding directorships in any of the listed companies. A tribunal, in appeal, has stayed the ban. The merger has also been approved by the Competition Commission.

In the meanwhile, the two parties Sony and Zee, have run out of time. The merger was to have been completed by 21 December. They now have a grace period of just one-month to see it through. While external issues seem to be settled, they have to contend with their bilateral angst. The two are believed to be at loggerheads on the nature of the post-merger leadership team. However, seeing the stakes involved and the effort that is gone in, it is likely the merger will muddle its way through.

Killing creativity

What we have seen through over two decades of the media and entertainment industry is a continuing consolidation. Smaller players like the Anil Ambani ADAG Group, Ronnie Screwalla's UTV and others have either folded up or merged with larger players to make it a four-cornered market – Walt Disney, Zee Entertainment, Viacom-Reliance and Sony. It will now whittle down to a duopoly – Reliance-Disney and Sony-Zee.

This will be a blow to variety and depth of entertainment content, which flowered at the turn of the century. It was a period when DTH and satellite TV was first opening up; and TV channels multiplied and were willing to experiment with differentiated content. Result: Audiences are moving in droves to OTT and streaming content. Besides the biggies, Amazon, Netflix et al, there are the smaller players too catering to the demand for variety and disruptive content.

It proves the adage 'Content is King' will always be true. It works in news too. NDTV under Prannoy Roy did not have a huge following, but it had a discerning,'intelligent' following. The new owners may have bought the network, but it does not mean the eyeballs came along with the package.The media monitoring site Newslaundry reported that after the Adani takeover, viewership of Hindi NDTV India fell by more than half from 98 million views in December as compared to 45 million in the earlier month of November.

Infy loses $1.5 bn AI contract from global co

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IT major Infosys has lost a $1.5 billion AI contract from a global company.

In an exchange filing on Saturday, it said, "This is in continuation to the disclosure made by Infosys vide letter dated September 14, 2023, titled 'Company update' with respect to a Memorandum of Understanding with a global company, subject to parties entering into a Master Agreement."

"The global company has elected to terminate the MoU and the parties will not be pursuing the Master Agreement," it added. In September, Infosys announced that it entered into a MoU with a global company to provide enhanced digital experiences, along with modernisation and business operations services, leveraging Infosys platforms and AI solutions.

Total client target spend over 15 years was estimated at $1.5 billion. The identity of the global company remains undisclosed and this comes at a time when IT firms are struggling to win major deals from clients. On December 21, Infosys announced a five-year collaboration with LKQ Europe, a distributor of automotive aftermarket parts for cars.

Business & Beyond

Orissa Power Generation Corporation secured Kalinga Safety Excellence Award in Gold category

Jharasuguda/Bhubaneswar: Orissa Power Generation Corporation (OPGC) shone as it secured the prestigious Kalinga Safety Excellence Award in the Gold category for its exceptional occupational Health & Safety practices throughout 2022. The honor was bestowed upon OPGC at the Odisha State Safety Conclave-2023 and 14th National Safety Conclave held in Bhubaneswar. Head-Operation (OPGC-1), Amalendu Prasad Nanda, and Sarat Chandra Nayak, Sr. Manager (Safety), accepted the award from Dr. Sudhanshu Sarangi, IPS, DG-Fire Services, Home Guard & Civil Defence, esteemed Chief Guest, among other national and international dignitaries. The Kalinga Safety Excellence Award was presented during the Odisha State Safety Conclave, orchestrated by the Institute of Quality and Environment Management Services in collaboration with the Labour & ESI Dept. of Odisha government and Director of Factories & Boilers, Odisha. Sarat Chandra Nayak, Sr. Manager (Safety), received Best Safety Officer award for his outstanding contributions in 2022.

Shree Dhootapapeshwar organised press meet

A press meet was organised by Shree Dhootapapeshwar Limited, a company having legacy of more than 150 years of manufacturing Ayurved medicines, at its corporate office in Dadar (West) on 18th January 23 to provide updates on the research done on the Bhasma of noble metal - Gold. The study related to the toxicity, characterization of SuvarnaBhasma has been studied in reputed and renowned institutions like National Centre for preclinical reproductive and genetic toxicology, National institute for research in Reproductive health, Mumbai and I.I.T Powai, Mumbai respectively.

Bajaj Auto held national finale of Pulsarmania

Mumbai: Bajaj Auto, the world's most valuable two-wheeler and three-wheeler company, hosted Pulsarmania: Master's Edition, celebrating the overwhelming response to Pulsarmania, which spanned 100 cities, witnessed participation from over 25K+ attendees, and was attended by over 1L+ spectators. Culminating in Mumbai, the national finale delivered an adrenaline-fueled experience for attendees as they witnessed top-tier riders face off in intense challenges that tested their precision, passion, and mastery of the Pulsar.

UN-led peacekeeping naval force required to fight maritime piracy

Maritime piracy is a huge concern for the global maritime industry nowadays, and India being one of the largest suppliers of the maritime workforce that serve cargo vessels; United Nations-backed armed troops should provide naval escort to merchant navy vessels passing through piracy prone waters, including the Red Sea corridor said Capt Bjorn Hojgaard, CEO of Anglo-Eastern Shipping Group – one of the largest employers of Indian seafarers. The Red Sea, which connects eastern part of the globe to the western part through the Aden-Suez Canal corridor, is a busy maritime route which has come under severe attack recently from Yemen's Houthi group in the on-going Hamas-Israel conflict. Anglo-Eastern Shipping Group employs over 21,000 Indian seafarers and a sizeable number of the company's merchant navy officers are natives of Tamil Nadu.

SBI Ladies' club spreads Christmas cheer and celebrates with underprivileged children

Mumbai: State Bank of India, country's largest lender, in a heartwarming celebration of compassion and festivity with SBI Ladies' Club Mumbai, led by All India President Mrs. Anita Khara, arranged a Christmas Carnival for 100 underprivileged children. With the spirit of the season, the event unfolded as a captivating experience for the children, who were treated to a myriad of activities. The festivities continued with buggy rides, games, a mesmerizing magic show, and photographs with Santa Claus. Each child was presented with gifts and snack boxes contributed by the members of the SBI Ladies' Club Mumbai. Reflecting on the event, All India President Mrs. Anita Khara remarked, "The SBI Ladies' Club Mumbai is committed to making a positive impact on lives of those less fortunate, especially during the holiday season. The Christmas Carnival was not just an event; it was a collective effort to bring happiness and festive spirit to the hearts of these wonderful children.

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JAYANAGAR BRANCH

POSSESSION NOTICE [Rule 8 (1)]

(For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of the powers under the said Act and Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated **03/10/2023** calling upon **Mr. SHANKARAPPA V & Mrs.SUJATHA** Residing at No.70-70, Veerasandra Balaji Layout, Attibele Electronicity-Bangalore-560082, & (Guarantor) Mr. Vishwanath M. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.33,62,245/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand two Hundred and Forty Five Only) **with further interest at contractual rates, till date of realization within 60 days from the date of the said notice.**

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the (Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on the **18th December 2023.**

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets

The borrower in particular and the public in general are here by cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Can Fin Homes Ltd (CFHL) for an amount of **Rs.33,62,245/-** (Rupees Thirty Three Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand two Hundred and Forty Five Only) and interest thereon.

SCHEDULE OF THE MORTGAGED PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of an immovable Residential Property bearing No.183/103/4, formed in Sy.No. 103/4, Hebbagodi Village Panchayat 11B, Property No. 150200103100620005, Situated at Veerasandra Village, comes under the jurisdiction of Hebbogodi Village Panchayath, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 40 Feet, total 1200 sq. feet with building consist of Ground Floor, First Floor and Second Floor, thereon and bounded on : East by : 15 feet Road. North by: Others Property, South by: Remaining portion of Same Property West by: Property belongs to Ramaiah.

Sd/-

Date: 23.12.2023
Place : Bengaluru

Authorised Officer
Can Fin Homes Ltd.,

ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ

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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಕೆಪಿಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನಬಾರ್ಡ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಆರ್.ಐ.ಡಿ.ಎಫ್-29ರ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ CONSTRUCTION OF 1000MT CAPACITY GODOWN AT MAIN MARKET YARD AND CONSTRUCTION OF C.C ROAD AND DRAIN AT SUB MARKET YARD AKKIALURU- OF APMC HANGAL (INDENT NO-APMC/2023-24/BD/WORK-INDENT 159) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999-2000 ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ Standard Tendering Document ರನ್ವಯ ನಲ್ಲಿ (KW-4) ರನ್ವಯ ದ್ವಿಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ 20545309.00 ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊಬಲಗು ರೂ ಶೇಕಡಾ 1.50 ರಂತೆ ಅಥವಾ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ (ಇ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್) 308200.00 ಕೆಲಸ ಪೂರೈಸಲು 175 ದಿನ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತು ಪಡಿಸಿ) ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಫೀ (ಇ ಪೇಮೆಂಟ್) ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲನಂತೆ ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಪ್ರಿಬಿಡ್ ಸಭೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 02-01-2024** ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ಸಭಾಭವನದಲ್ಲಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 08/01/2024 ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ**, ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 10/01/2024 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ**, ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ **ದಿನಾಂಕ 22/01/2024 ಮುಂಜಾನೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ** (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ). ಈ ಕುರಿತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕೆಪಿಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ **8046010000 +91-8068948777** ಮತ್ತು ಈ ಸಮಿತಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಸಹಾಯವಾಣಿ **08379-262218** ಗಳಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ, ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೂಡುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ಶ್ರೀ ಎ.ಪಿ.ಸುಗಂದಿ) ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ.ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ.

ಸಹಿ/- (ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರೇಣುಕಮ್ಮ) ಆಡಳಿತಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು, ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ.ಹಾನಗಲ್ಲ.

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PUBLIC NOTICE - TENDER CUM E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF SECURED ASSET

[See proviso to rule 8(6)]

Notice for sale of immovable assets

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Bank Limited will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis as per the brief particulars given hereunder;

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/ Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of E-Auction
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)
1.	Mr. M Raghavendra Reddy (Borrower) Mrs. Matireddy Anithamma, M/s Radiant Structures Pvt Ltd (Co- Borrowers) Loan Account Number LBBNG00002902952	All that piece and parcel of immovable residential property bearing Site No 257, BBMP PID No 57-325-257 in Dollar Scheme Layout Extension formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at Sarakki 4th Phase, now situated at 7th Main Road, 4th Phase, Dollars Layout, J P Nagar, Bangalore measuring East to West 24.38 metres and North to South 15.24 metres, which is bounded on; East by: Road West by: Site No 242 North by: Site No 256 South by: Site No 258	Rs. 2,91,24,849.20 (as on December 22, 2023)	Rs. 8,23,00,000/- / Rs. 82,30,000/-	January 04, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM	January 17, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

The online auction will take place on the website of e-auction agency **M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited (URL Link-www.disposalhub.com).** The Mortgagors/ noticee are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till **January 16, 2024** before **04:00 PM** failing which, this/these secured asset/s will be sold as per schedule.

The Prospective Bidder(s) must submit the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Demand Draft (DD) (Refer Column E) at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **January 16, 2024** before **05:00 PM** and thereafter they need to submit their offer through the above mentioned website only on or before **January 16, 2024** before **05:00 PM** along with scan image of Bank acknowledged DD towards proof of payment of EMD. Kindly note, in case prospective bidder(s) are unable to submit their offer through the website then signed copy of tender documents may be submitted at **ICICI Bank limited, 1st Floor, West Wing, DSMG, Mythri Centre, Hosur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068** on or before **January 16, 2024** before **05:00 PM.** Earnest Money Deposit DD/PO should be from a Nationalised/Scheduled Bank in favour of **"ICICI Bank Limited"** payable at **Bangalore.**

For any further clarifications with regards to inspection, terms and conditions of the e-auction or submission of tenders, kindly contact **ICICI Bank Limited** on **9844542086/7304918084/8008999536.**

Please note that Marketing agencies **1. No Broker.in & 2. M/s NexXen Solutions Private Limited** have also been engaged for facilitating the sale of this property.

The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all the bids without furnishing any further reasons.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please visit **www.icicibank.com/n4p4s**

Date: December 22, 2023
Place: Bangalore

Authorized Officer
ICICI Bank Limited

MAHILA CO-OPERATIVE BANK LTD.

Head Office at No.14, South End Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru-560020, Phone : 080-23562229/23460051

POSSESSION NOTICE

Possession of Immovable Properties U/S 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002 r/w Rule 8(1)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act 2002 and in exercise of power under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice on the dates mentioned below calling therein upon the within - named Borrowers / Guarantors to repay the **amount mentioned below within 60 (Sixty) days from the date of the said notice.**

The within named Borrowers / Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of the powers conduct on him under Section 13(4) of the said of the Act read with rule 9 of the said Rules of the below mentioned date. The Borrowers / Guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Mahila Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bangalore** for the amount. interest & other charges thereon.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers/Guarantor	Descriptions of the Property	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount Outstanding in Rs.
1.	**Smt. C Lakshmi,** W/o. S. Manjunath,. No. 249, 6th Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, BSK 3rd Stage, (Near Karumariyamma Temple Left Side, Bengaluru-560 085. **(Guarantor) 1. Sri. Rakesha .M,** S/o. Manjunath .S, 2. Sri. Monish .S, S/o. Manjunath .S, Both are resident at : No. 249, 6th Cross, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, BSK 3rd Stage, (Near Karumariyamma Temple Left Side, Bengaluru-560 085.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.29 in PID No.55-527-29 after the Bifercation of Southern portion of Old No.15/2-4, previous No.4 of V.P.Khata No.15/2 of Ittamadu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru City, presently Situated at 6th Cross, Ittumadu Village, Bhuvaneshwarinagara, BSK 3rd Stage, BBMP Ward No.55, Bengaluru. Meeasuring East to West 60'-0" and North to South 20'-0" fts, having a total extent of 1200 square feets and **bounded on the : East by :** Others Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** North portion of Property No. 4 of Revamma, **South by :** Property No. 5.	09.10.2023	22.12.2023	A/c. No. IPL-28 Rs. 80,36,584/- as on 25.09.2023, plus further interest and other charges.
2.	**Smt. Veenakumari G R,** W/o. Veeresh Kumar, No. 205, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560 079. **Guarantor : 1. Sri. Veeresh Kumar R,** S/o. Ramegowda, No. 205, 1st Main Road, 5th Cross, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560 079. **2. Sri. Lakshmanagowda .H. R,** S/o. Rangegowda, No. 585, Behind Govt. School, Shankaranag Bus Stop, Kamalanagara, Bengaluru-560079.	All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing present Corporation No.205 in PID No.16-67-205, Old No.205 of Layout formed by Government of Karnataka in Survey No.30 and 31 of Sanegoravanahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, presently Survey No. 30 and 31 of Kamalanagara Extension, Saneguruvanahalli, Bengaluru City BBMP Ward No. 16, Benagluru, Measuring East to West 26'-0" fts and North to South 25'-0" fts, having a total extent of 650 square feets and **bounded on the : East by :** Property No. 206, **West by :** Main Road, **North by :** Others Property, **South by :** Cross Road.	12.10.2023	23.11.2023	A/c. No. IPL-545 Rs. 13,32,879/- as on 12.10.2023, plus further interest and other charges.
3.	**1. Sri. Sudharshan Rao,** S/o. Late Vallabha Rao, **2. Smt. Manjula Devi. B L,** W/o. Sudharshan Rao, **3. Smt. Suma .S,** D/o. Sudharshan Rao, **All are resident at :** No. 686, Old Panchayat Street, Near Anjaneya Temple, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560 022. **Guarantor : 1. Sri. Sudharshan Rao,** S/o. Late Vallabha Rao, **2. Smt. Manjula Devi. B L,** W/o. Sudharshan Rao, **3. Smt. Suma S,** D/o. Sudharshan Rao, **All are resident at :** No. 686, Old Panchayat Street, Near Anjaneya Temple, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru-560 022.	**Item No. 1:** All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.24/1 in PID No.3-62-24/1, Old No.24 and 26 and there after 686, situatd at Old Panchayat Road, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.3, Bengaluru, Measuring East to West 10'-0" Fts and North to South 71'-6" Fts and attached to it East to West 5'-0" Fts and North to South 25'-0" Fts having a total extent of 780 square feets and **bounded on the : East by :** Property belongs to Annapurnamma and Passage, **West by :** Property of Muniraju, Chandrashekhar and Mohammadiya, **North by :** Property belongs to B L Prabhakar, T S Gopal and Road, **South by :** Property belongs to Annapurna. **Item No. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of Immovable property being land with residential building bearing Corporation No.24/2 in PID No.3-62-24/2, Old No.24 and 26 and there after 686, situatd at Old Panchayat Road, Yeshwanthapura, Bengaluru City, BBMP Ward No.3, Bengaluru, Property No.24/2 on either side is having Measurment of two portions details given as it is : **(1)** Measuring East to West 35'-3" Fts and North to South 23'-6" Fts and **bounded on the : East by :** Road, **West by :** Passage, **North by :** Passage and Property belongs to B L Prabhakar and Others Property, **South by :** 4'-6" Fts Passage. **(2)** Measuring East to West 12'-0" Fts and North to South 36'-6" Fts and bounded on the : East by : Property belongs to B L Prabhakar and Others Property, **West by :** Passage, **North by :** Property belongs to B L Prabhakar, T S Gopal and Road, **South by :** Property belongs to P Srinivas.	09.10.2023	22.12.2023	A/c. No. EMI-388 Rs. 99,85,091/- as on 09.10.2023, plus further interest and other charges.

Date : 22.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Mahila Co-Operative Bank Ltd. Bangalore.

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

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TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.1,76,68,146/- (Rupees One Crore Seventy Six Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Forty Six only)** as on **19-12-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **20-12-2023** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. Roshini Microsystems Private Limited, having its Registered Office at, No.1-19-101/30A, Brundavan Colony, Rukminipuram, Kapra, Keesara, Hyderabad - 500062. No.2) Mr. L. Srinivas (a) Surya Satya Sai Srinivasa Nookaraju Lokanandham, S/o. Kukkutalingam Lokanadham, Residing at No.1-19-101/30A, Brundavan Colony, Rukhminipuram, Kapra, Keesara, Hyderabad - 500062. Also at, Mr. L. Srinivas (a) Surya Satya Sai Srinivasa Nookaraju Lokanandham, S/o. Kukkutalingam Lokanadham, Residing at, Flat No.102 B Block, Saket Pranaam Street, Kapra, Hyderabad - 500062. No.3) Mrs. L. Vani, W/o. L. Srinivas, Residing at No.1-19-101/30A, Brundavan Colony, Rukminipuram, Kapra, Keesara, Hyderabad - 500062. Also at, Mrs. L. Vani, W/o. L. Srinivas, Resding at, Flat No. 102 B Block, Saket Pranaam Street, Kapra, Hyderabad - 500062. No.4) Mr. Venkata Vara Prasad Kedasu, S/o. K. Venkateshwar Rao, Residing at Door No. 58-15-150-1, Shanti Nagar, Visakapatnam - 530009. No.5) Mr. Krishna Vara Prasad Rao Manchighanti, S/o. Venkata Rama Rao Manchiganti, Residing at Flat No. T 1, Seema Residency, 4th Main Road, Postal Colony, 1st Stage, Sanjay Nagar, Bangalore - 500094. No.6) Ms. Shiva Surya Varalaxmi Koneti, D/o. Jagadeeshwar Rao Koneti, Residing at 13-1-143/302, Block 1, Matwada, Warrangal - 530009.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Krishna Vara Prasad Rao Manchighanti, S/o. Venkata Rama Rao Manchiganti)

Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of the Site bearing Municipal No.18, Block - B formed by the CIL Employees House building Co-operative Society Limited Bangalore in the converted lands in Sy.Nos.21/4, 22, 23, 24/5, 25/3, and 25/4 of Geddalahalli Villager Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore now coming within the purview of the BBMP Sanjay Nagar, Ward Bangalore and assigned PID No.100-736- 18 the Site. Measuring : East to West 50 ft. and North to South 85 ft. Totally admeasuring 4,250 sq.ft. enclosed with compound wall and bounded on the East by : Property bearing Municipal No.17, West by : Property bearing Municipal No.19, North by : 40 ft. Road, South by : Property bearing Municipal Nos.20 and 21.

Schedule - B : 252 sq.ft. of Undivided Share and right in the Schedule - A, Site together with Share in the Common Area of the Walls, Ceiling the Floor between Two Apartments shall belong to the owner of such apartments equally Schedule - C : The Apartment No.102 located in the Ground Floor of the Building known as Sethi Woods constructed on the Schedule - A Site and considering of a Living-cum-Dining Room, Two Bedrooms plus study, Two Bathroom-cum-Toilet, a Kitchen and Balcony as indicated in the Typical Floor Plan and Apartment Plan hereto annexed to form a Part and parcel of his deed the apartment having a super built-up-area of 1,100 Sq.ft. with vitrified Tile Flooring together with Closed Car Parking in the basement specifically allotted to him.

Reserve Price : Rs.84,00,000/-
(Rupees Eighty Four Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mr. Krishna Vara Prasad Rao Manchighanti, S/o. Venkata Rama Rao Manchiganti)

Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of the immovable Residential Property bearing Site Municipal No.158 in the lay-out formed by The Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Limited, Bangalore in the converted lands in Sy. Nos. 12/1, 12/3, 24/3, 24/4, 31/3, 32/3, 34/4, 33/2, 35/2, 36/3 and 39/1 of Geddalahalli Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore now coming within the purview of the BBMP situated at AECS lay-out Sy.No.12/1, Geddalahalli, Old BMP Ward No.100, New BBMP Ward No.18, Bangalore. Measuring : East to West 60 ft. and North to South 40 ft., Totally admeasuring 2,400 sq.ft. and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : Site No.168, North by : Site No.159, South by : Site No.157.

Schedule - B : 329 Sq.ft. of Undivided Share, Title Interest and Right in the Schedule-A Property. Schedule - C : All that piece and parcel of the Flat No.S-2 bearing New Municipal No.158/4 PID No.100-1-158/4, New PID No.018-W0341- 4-32 on Second Floor constructed on the Schedule - A Property having 875 Sq.ft. of super built-up-area equipped with RCC building Mosaic Flooring consisting of Two Bed Rooms, One Hall, One Kitchen, Toilet and Bathrooms with separate Electricity Meter, Water and Sanitary with all amenities thereon together with one covered Car Parking and proportionate Share in Common Areas such as Passages Lobbies, Staircases, Corridors, Pipes, Sewers, Drainage, Sump, over Head Tank and other areas of Common Use.,

Reserve Price : Rs.84,00,000/-
(Rupees Eighty Four Lakh only)

AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
30-01-2024	**City Union Bank Ltd., Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch,** No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1, 13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges / fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 22-12-2023 **Authorised Officer**

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(Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002)

The following borrowers and co-borrowers availed the below mentioned secured loans from ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited. The loans of the below mentioned borrowers have been secured by the mortgage of their respective properties. As they have failed to adhere to the terms and conditions of the respective loan agreements and had become irregular, their loans were classified as NPA as per the RBI Guidelines. Amounts due by them to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited, are mentioned as per the respective notices issued more particularly described in the following table and further interest on the said amounts shall also be applicable and the same will be charged as per contractual rate with effect from their respective dates

Sr No.	Loan Account No.	Type of Loan	Name of borrowers	Outstanding as per 13(2) Notice	Notice Date	Details of Secured asset
1	LN0000000019345 LN0000000010046	SME Secured Loan	1. G Elan Tendral 2. REVATHI ILANTHENDRAL 3. Nirmala Murugan 4. Murugan G	INR 41,69,983.15/-	18.12.2023	All That Piece And Parcel Of Site Bearing No. 21 And 22 And Katha No. 61/6, Situated At Garvebhavipalya Village, Hongasandra Dakhale, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Land Mearuring East To West: 20 And North To South: 40, Total = 800 Sq. Ft., And 1400 Sq. Ft. (built-up Area), And Bounded As : **North : Site No. 27 And 28, South : Road, East : Remaining Portion Measuring 20x40 Sold To Kannan, West : Private Property**
2	LN0000000007212	SME Secured Loan	1. Suri S 2. Monika S 3. Narayanaswamy Srinivasa 4. SS Developers	INR 1,70,07,430.96/-	18.12.2023	All That Piece And Parcel Of Property Bearing Extract Of B Property Register No. 176/1/325/4, Assigned To The Portion Of Land Measuring East To West : 55 Feet And North To South: 34 Feet Formed In Land Bearing Survey No. 1 Of Pantharpalay Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Karnataka - 560039, And Bounded On : **East : Property Belongs To Mr. Harish, West : Government School Property, North : Property Belongs To Mr. Srinivas, South : Government School**
3	LN0000000008453	SME Secured Loan	1. B A Hithendra Kumar 2. P N Padma	INR 1,58,22,791.83/-	20.12.2023	All That Piece And Parcel Of The Residential Property Bearing Khaneshumari No.135/1/14, Situated At Amruthahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Now Comes Under The Jurisdiction Of Bruhath Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore - 560092, Measuring East To West 37 Feet, North To South 65 Feet, In All Measuring 2405 Sq. Ft, Along With Residential Building Constructed Thereon New Pid No. 007-W0716-4, And Bounded On The: **East : Property Belongs To G. Krishnappa, West : Property Bearing Site No. 13, North : 20 Feet Wide Road, South : 15 Feet Wide Road**

You are hereby called upon to pay the amounts due to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited as per details shown in the above table with contracted rate of interest thereupon from their respective dates and other costs, charges etc., within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the undersigned shall be constrained to initiate proceedings U/s 13(4) and Sec. 14 of the SARFAESI Act, against the mortgage properties mentioned herein above to realize the amount due to ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited. Further you are prohibited U/s 13(13) of the said Act from transferring the said secured asset either by way of sale / lease or otherwise.

Date : 18 & 20.12.2023
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised officer
ORIX Leasing & Financial Services India Limited

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE MARKET COMMITTEE, KARWAR

Habbuwada : Karwar Tel 08382-220018

No.APMC/K/DVPT/249/2023-24 **Date: 21-12-2023**

SHORT TERM E-PROCURMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION

KARWAR APMC has Invited online e Tender for the construction of CC Road, RCC drain and toilet block at Main market yard under RIDF-29 Scheme for the year 2023-24. Interested contractors may apply by website WWW.KARNATAKAPUBLICPROCURMENTPORTAL(KPPP) for APMC/2023-24/OW WORK_INDENT185. Last date for submission of tender with necessary documents will be 08/01/2024.

For more information contact office or e-portal helpline no 91-8068948777 during office hours.

Sign/- Secretary, A.P.M.C. Karwar

Sign/- Administrator A.P.M.C.Karwar

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

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RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.16,29,48,692/- (Rupees Sixteen Crore Twenty Nine Lakh Forty Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Ninety Two only)** as on **20-11-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **21-11-2023** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, S/o. Suresh Shah, No.253, M.S.V. Cable Network Road, Amruthahalli, Bangalore - 560093. No.2) Mrs. Jalpa Jain, W/o. Mr. Mohith Kumar Jain, No.253, M.S.V. Cable Network Road, Amruthahalli, Bangalore - 560093. No.3) M/s. Just Love It Apparel LLP, No.31/1, 5th Main, Near Vinayak Temple, Opp. Kavi Travels, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.4) M/s. SFJLI Pvt. Ltd, No.31,5th Main Road, Opp. Kavi Travels, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.5) Mr. Karthick Rao, S/o. H.T. Sadashivarao, No.15, Meenakshi Cottage, Govindappa Lane, 2nd Cross, Ramaswamy Palya, Bangalore - 560033. No.6) Mrs. Prema .S Rao, W/o. Late Sadhashiv Rao, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 560032. No.7) Mr. Ajit Trambakla Shah, S/o. T.T. Shah, No.F 113, 2nd Main Road, Behind Central Chambers, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore - 560009. No.8) M/s. Soham Fashions, No.31, 5th Main Road, Opp. Kavi Travels, Sriramapuram, Bangalore - 560021. No.9) Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka, F/o. Late Udit Dhanuka, (In the capacity of legal heir of late Udit Dhanuka). No.4/16, Palace Road, High Grounds, Opp. Anjaneya Temple, Bangalore- 560052.No.10) Mrs. Sumitra Devi Dhanuka, W/o. Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka, (In the capacity of legal heir of late Udit Dhanuka). No.4/16, Palace Road, High Grounds, Opp. Anjaneya Temple, Bangalore - 560052.**

Note : That our **132-Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch** has also extended Financial Assistance (CUB OSL SPECIAL-BR : 501812080081356) dated **30-09-2021** requested by No.8 of you represented by Nos. 1, 2 and 5 of you as Partners for which Nos.1, 2 and 5 of you stood as Co-obligants and Nos. 1 and 2 of you stood as Guarantors for the facility for a total amount of **Rs. 45,00,000/-** at a ROI of **12%.** The same has been also classified as **NPA** on **29-12-2022** and the outstanding balance as on **20-11-2023** is **Rs. 54,44,079/-** plus further interest and penal interest of **2.00%** with monthly rests to be charged from **21-11-2023** till the date of realization.

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank

Schedule - A : (Property Owned by Mr. Mohit Kumar Jain, S/o. Suresh Shah & Mrs. Jalpa Jain, W/o. Mr. Mohith Kumar Jain)

All that piece and parcel of the Commercial land and Building bearing Sy. No.2 (Re-Survey No. 60/1) Southern Portion of Property No.31, PID No.26-33-31/1, Measuring : East - West : 70 Feet, and North-South : 54 Feet, in all 3,780 sq.ft. Situated at Kranti Kavi Sarvagnya Road, Okalipuram, Bangalore, constructed building thereon and bounded by : East by : Road; West by : Road, North by : Property belonging to Ajit T. Shah: and South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.6,60,00,000/-
(Rupees Six Crore Sixty Lakh only)

Schedule - B : (Property Owned by Mrs. Prema .S Rao, W/o. Late Sadhashiv Rao)

All that piece and parcel of Three Bed Room Residential Flat bearing No.1, in the Ground Floor, Eastern Side, Municipal Katha No.29, PID No.27-71-29 with 1,400 sq.ft. of Super Built-up-Area and undivided share of land to an extent of 670 sq.ft. or 1/6th Share out of total measurement of : East to West : 80 ft. and North to South : 50 ft. admeasuring 4,000 sq.ft. Situated at I Cross, Nehru Nagar, Bangalore City, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever and bounded on : (For Site) East by : Private Property; West by : Main Road; North by : Property No.28; and South by : Property No.30 (For Flat -East by : Passage, West by : Flat No.2, North by : Passage, South by : Passage) .

Reserve Price : Rs.1,26,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Twenty Six Lakh only)

Schedule - C : (Property Owned by Late Udit Dhanuka Now represented by Mr. Debi Prasad Dhanuka & Mrs. Sumitra Devi Dhanuka as his legal heirs)

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Apartment bearing No.GF-2, Municipal No.53, PID No.91-75-53 assigned by the BBMP on the Ground Floor , Measuring about 1,100 sq.ft, Super built-up-Area, in the Apartment known as "LA CITADEL", situated at promenade Road, Ward No.91, Frazer Town, Bangalore, and bounded by : East by : Property bearing Old No.19; West by : Property bearing Old No.17; North by : Promenade Road and; South by : Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs.93,50,000/-
(Rupees Ninety Three Lakh Fifty Thousand only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
11-01-2024	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Malleswaram Branch,** No.58/1,13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru Malleswaram Branch, No.58/1,13th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram, Bengaluru Rural, Karnataka - 560003. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23463636, Cell No.9342519841. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 22-12-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No. 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lost Absolute Sale Deed: **I, Mr. Karthik Mitta,** residing at 1/192, 4th Cross, Kirloskar Colony, Bangalore 560079, inform that the original Absolute Sale Deed bearing document number YAN-1-20876-07 for site number 1, Survey 17, Hissa 2, Doddabettahalli, executed between myself and Mr. Abdul Kuddus on 13-Nov-2006 is lost since 16-Dec-2021. An FIR with police has been lodged bearing number 0860896/2023. If found please return to the above address.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the property shown in the Schedule below from **MRS. SHYAMALA HEGDE,** Aged about 37 years, W/o Mr. Ravi Kumar. B, **PAN-DESPS2305D and MR. RAVI KUMAR. B,** Aged about 35 years, S/o Mr. Basavaraj, **PAN-AZPPK1104K,** Both residing at No.42, 14th Cross, G.K. Layout, C.K. Nagar, Hosaroad, Electronic City Post, Bengaluru-560 100.

Any person(s) having any claims or rights over the schedule property or having any valid and tenable objections to the proposal of my clients to purchase the schedule property from **MRS. SHYAMALA HEGDE and MR. RAVI KUMAR. B.** may lodge his/their claims/rights or objections, if any with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Please note that if no valid objections or claims are received within the said period, my client shall proceed with the transactions and no claims/objections received thereafter will be entertained nor will it bind my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing vacant Site No.1217/2, BDA Khatha No.BDA/RO(W)/1217-2/SMVL-6/19-20, situated at 6th Block, Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, Bangalore, formed by BDA measuring East to West 12.00 Meter, North to South 9.00 Meter, totally measuring 108 Square Meters, and bounded on the

East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.1217/1, South by : Site No.1217/3

Sd/- **NIRUPAN GOWDA H.N.** Advocate, No..206, 80 Feet Road, 6th Cross, RMV 2nd Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore-560 094.
Bangalore Date : 24/12/2023

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PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES
ROBERT H SCHULLER

Saurabh clinches men's 10m air pistol trials

Former World No 1 Saurabh Chaudhary won the men's 10m air pistol T1 national selection shooting trials, posting a score of 244.5 in the final in New Delhi on Saturday. Saurabh, one of India's most decorated pistol shooters, beat the Army's qualification topper Ravinder Singh by a margin of 0.1 in the eight-man final to be back in the winner's circle after a long time.

Security concern additional pressure while playing Pakistan: Rajpal

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

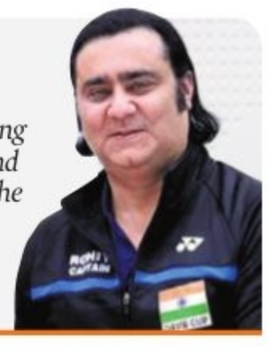
The Indian Davis Cup team has to travel to Pakistan for their World Group I play-off match in February. If India do make up their mind to go, this will be the first time in over five decades the team will be visiting Pakistan.

The International Tennis Federation (ITF) rejected All India Tennis Association's request to move the matches to a neutral venue. AITA had been appealing to the ITF ever since Pakistan was awarded the tie. First, they appealed to the 15-member Davis Cup Committee and later, they put up their case to the ITF Tribunal. However, the latter also rejected the appeal on the grounds that Pakistan had recently hosted Davis Cup matches without any issue and India can travel as well.

The report first appeared in Pakistan. According to the reports, the tribunal said that Pakistan have solid grounds to host the tie and "it is pertinent on all the nations to visit the venue (country) selected by the DCC for the Davis Cup ties".

AITA also confirmed the development on Saturday. Though the final call will be up to the sports ministry and the government, the AITA had already announced the Davis Cup squad with Pakistan in mind.

> *This is a game India will be playing there and it should be on a fair and square basis. Which means that the game should be focussed in and around tennis and the better team wins.* —Rohit Rajpal, India captain



India captain Rohit Rajpal said that since their request has been rejected, India can travel to Pakistan. "The tribunal has rejected our appeal and we have to now travel to Pakistan," is what Rajpal felt. The India captain also said that the team that has been announced would do well on grass.

"I think the matches will be played on grass and accordingly, we have decided on the players," he said. However, he felt that it is not ideal to play tennis with security concerns in mind. The AITA had said that the security of Indian players was a big concern. "We have to be sure about the security as well. The host nation and the ITF will have to take responsibility," he said.

The India captain said that they had requested the ITF because with so much pressure on them it will not be easy to play. "We have already selected the team and it was based on the fact that we have to play in Pakistan. They will most probably play on grass and we chose the players based on this."

The challenges of playing in Pakistan is big because the team will always have security in mind. "Playing under such conditions will always have additional pressure," he said. "The point that I had put across to the judge in the Tribunal is that, this is a game India will be playing there and it should be on a fair and square basis. Which means that the game should be focussed in and around tennis and both sides play a good game and the better team wins. But if there are security concerns then there is added pressure. Why do we need to be in this kind of environment? We reasoned it out with the ITF but this we find unreasonable. We will be asking ITF and the hosts to ensure our security. If there is any liability, it will be on their account."

The AITA will now approach the government for direction. Winning the Group I contest will keep India in the group throughout the season. This is not the first time India have protested. In 2019, the ITF moved the tie to Kazakhstan, a move which was not appreciated by the Pakistan Tennis Federation and their players.

Dhoni will begin net practice in ten days: CSK CEO

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

EVEN as the IPL 2024 auction is over, the bigger question for the Chennai Super Kings fans was about the fitness of their captain MS Dhoni and whether he will be ready in time for the upcoming season. On Saturday, CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan revealed that Dhoni is doing well and is likely to start net practice in another ten days. "He is doing well now. He has started his rehab. He started working in the gym. And, probably in another 10 days he'll start working in the nets also," said Viswanathan while speaking on the sidelines of the launch of the Junior Super Kings inter-school tournament.

Dhoni, who led the Super Kings to their fifth title in the 2023 season, had to undergo a knee surgery at a Mumbai hospital in June and has since been in recovery and rehab. While Dhoni is expected to start training in the nets early January, CSK are planning to begin their preparations for the upcoming season with a camp in the first week of March in Chennai. "We are planning for a camp somewhere by the first week of March. The IPL season is likely to start by 22nd of March. So, we will have our first camp by the first week in Chennai," he said.

While there have been murmurs about whether the 2024 IPL season will be split between Indian and another country because of the General Assembly elections, the BCCI has said that it might not be the case and the schedule is to be finalised once the dates for the polls are announced. Viswanathan, too, said that the teams have not been informed about the change in venue. "They have not informed us anything about the split schedule. What they have said is that we should be prepared to play IPL in India, this is what we got to hear from them during the auction," he said.

In the recently concluded IPL auction CSK signed New Zealand all-rounder Daryl Mitchell (₹14 crores), Shardul Thakur (₹4 crore), Rachin Ravindra (₹1.8 crore), Sameer Rizvi (₹8.4 crore), and Mustafizur Rahman (₹2 crore). "I would say we pretty much got all of our targets. We were planning for Daryl Mitchell. We thought Mustafizur Rahman would be a good bet at our Chepauk wicket, with the side boundary. These were our thoughts but we were not sure whether we would be able to get them. Luckily, it turned out to be a good auction for us this time," he said.

When asked about the high prices the auction witnessed, especially for overseas pacers Mitchell Starc and Pat Cummins, Kasi said that the trend has been the same in mini auctions. "If the purse of franchisees are quite high, it is always a possibility that some of them will get a good bid. Like what happened to (Ben) Stokes last year. They may target a certain type of player who will be needed for that franchise," he said.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Tahlia takes the legacy of Oz forward

With the veteran all-rounder Perry, McGrath keeps the visitors in the game as the one-off Test enters final day

KALYANI MANGALE @Mumbai

At the North Sydney Oval in 2017, affectionately called Ellyse Perry Oval by fans, the namesake was in fine touch. England had no answers for the Test match specialist. When brought up her 150 in the first-ever Pink Ball Test, there was no huge celebration. Just acknowledgement of the crowd and then pat on the shoulders of her batting partner, Tahlia McGrath, amidst the chants of 'there is only one Ellyse Perry' from the Richies, Australia's loud and proud cricket supporters.

They were right then and even when there were not many Australian fans at the Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai on day three of the one-off Test against India, many would agree that 'There is still only one Ellyse Perry'. However, her batting partner from the 2017 Ashes is getting closer to the stature Perry has achieved, at least in the longest format of the game. Usually, the conversations about filling the shoes of big players come at the end of their innings, but for Perry, it started when McGrath made it to the international level and over the years, she has consolidated her position. McGrath with her, 'heir apparent' tag has come a long way.

"I think, that description is doing a huge disservice to T-Mac. She is an absolutely wonderful player on her own, right?," Perry told the media after the third day's play in Mumbai where she and McGrath stitched a 74-run partnership to help Australia take a lead of 46 runs as the visitors finished the day on 223/5 after dismissing India for 406 in the first innings.

"She has had some wonderful years in the last little bit, I think, you know, the contribution she makes to our group with both the bat and ball across all three formats has been so pivotal. She's also vice-captain of the team. She's just a really cool head. She is great to bat with. I think she keeps things really kind of calm out there and I enjoyed the partnership today. We had like a really clear plan. We both felt confident with the way we were going about it. She is a huge player and of stature, in our team," she added.

Tahlia McGrath scored 73 runs in Australia's second innings on Saturday | SPORTZPICS

SCOREBOARD

Australia 1st innings: 219; **India 1st Innings** (O/n 376/7): Deepti b Garth 78, Vastrakar c Garth b Sutherland 47, Renuka c Gardner b Sutherland 8, Gayakwad n.o 0; **Extras** (b 15, lb 5, nb 4) 24; **Total** (all out in 126.3 ovs) 406; **FoW:** 8-396, 9-402; **Bowling:** Cheatle 9-3-23-0, Garth 14-2-58-2, Perry 4-0-31-0, Gardner 41-7-100-4, Jonassen 18-4-42-1, Sutherland 11.3-2-41-2, King 19-1-69-0, McGrath 10-2-22-0; **Australia 2nd Innings:** Mooney run out (Ghosh) 33, Litchfield b Rana 18, Perry c †Bhatia b Rana 45, McGrath b Kaur 73, Healy (c)† lbw b Kaur 32, Sutherland (batting) 12, Gardner (batting) 7; **Extras** (b 10, lb 3) 13; **Total** (For five wickets in 90 ovs) 233; **FoW:** 1-49, 2-56, 3-140, 4-206, 5-221; **Bowling:** Renuka 8-3-22-0, Vastrakar 8-0-36-0, Rana 17-3-54-2, Deepti 19-5-30-0, Gayakwad 27-10-42-0, Rodrigues 2-0-13-0, Kaur 9-0-23-2.

That is a big praise coming from someone like Perry, who added another feather to her cap in Mumbai today when she went past Belinda Clark to become the highest run-scorer for Australia in the format, just behind Karen Rolton. And McGrath has earned every bit of it, especially after her half-ton in the second innings against India. To start with, it was her first half-century in the second innings after four matches. Her highest-ever Test score, 73, that too against the side that heavily employed spin knowing how much the Australian vice-captain struggled against it in the first innings.

McGrath struggled, she even survived a few close LBW calls. Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur tried every trick in the book to get her wicket. However, the partnership between the master of her craft and the apprentice continued. Even after Perry's fall, McGrath kept digging with her captain, Alyssa Healy.

This partnership from the leadership duo lasted for more balls than the one with Perry, and it gave Australia the lead. With her half-century, McGrath became the first visiting player to score half-centuries in both innings against India — a massive achievement, indeed.

Perry's baggy green, the Test cap adored by everyone who plays the longest format for the team, still looks like one in mint condition because she has played only 12 Tests, however, her helmet is as faded as it could get.

No one really knows how many Tests she has left in her, but even after Perry, Australia has someone who can take the legacy forward. McGrath has proved it. Again.

Sharma, Vastrakar and the stand that mattered

KALYANI MANGALE @Mumbai

THERE is a Mumbai University Ground just next to Wankhede Stadium in Mumbai. If you get out of the Media box, you will not miss any action going on that ground, even if you want to avoid it. On day two of the one-off Test between India and Australia, a group of people were playing a friendly game of Tug of War on the ground. One was wearing a red shirt and the other in blue. It lasted longer than any such games one would have witnessed. Both sides, held their nerves, not letting go of the rope. The string put in the middle of the rope was not going anywhere. Amidst the great competitive challenge and loud cheering, the side wearing blue shirts hesitated a bit. Just for a split second and before they could gain any control, the red side was celebrating.

That is exactly what happened in the middle of Wankhede in the final session of day two. After breaking a mammoth partnership of 113 runs between Jemimah Rodrigues and Richa Ghosh, for a while, it felt like Australia had complete control over the proceedings. From 259 for three, India were reduced to 274 for seven, with Ashleigh Gardner taking three of four wickets. In walked Pooja Vastrakar to bat with Deepti Sharma at nine. First of all, having someone like Vastrakar, who is known for her audacious power game, at nine is a luxury India had. And at the same time with a lead of 56 runs, India wanted to pile on the lead to serve up a double purpose. One, to build as much lead as they could, and another, to tire the Australians, who never used a replacement fielder in their bowling innings. And it worked.

They batted and batted. Australia threw every bowler at them. From Gardner's off-spin to Tahlia McGrath's medium pace, from Lauren Cheatle's left-arm pace to Jess Jonassen's left-arm spin. Kim Garth, Annabel Sutherland, Alana King. You name it, Sharma and Vastrakar dealt with it and with no rush at all. And even at the end of day three, it was still the only session, where no wicket fell. They took the game away from Australia, with precision and frustrated the opponents more than they could have imagined.

"Honestly, it was very important for us to put that partnership, because we lost a few wickets very quickly in that time period," Sharma told the media after the third day's play. "We just wanted to get through the sessions. The talk was about building the partnership and later it was just surviving that last half hour of play. And because the thinking was clear that we wanted to stay on the crease, it got easier for us," she added. On day three, Australia fought hard to wipe off that lead of 187 runs. To their credit, they went past it, but by doing that they lost their top four batters, including Ellyse Perry, who was looking in supreme touch. The battle is on. Unlike the Test against England, this fixture will go to the fourth day. And we have to thank the Sharma-Vastrakar duo for that.

West Ham pile on misery for woeful Man Utd

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West Ham United's Jarrod Bowen (C) celebrates after scoring the opening goal | AFP

MANCHESTER United crashed to a dismal 2-0 defeat at West Ham as goals from Jarrod Bowen and Mohammed Kudus piled renewed pressure on under-fire boss Erik ten Hag on Saturday. Tottenham Hotspur moved to fourth place with a narrow 2-1 victory over Everton while Dominic Solanke scored a hat-trick to help Bournemouth edge Nottingham Forest 3-2.

Manchester United were blown away by West Ham's late strikes at the London Stadium, condemning them to an eighth Premier League loss already this season. United, languishing in eighth place, have managed just one win in seven games in all competitions.

They have lost three of their last four matches and failed to score in any of them for the first time since 1992. It is another bitter blow for Ten Hag, whose increasingly tenuous hold on his job will surely be the first thing for Jim Ratcliffe to resolve when the British billionaire finally completes the purchase of 25 per cent of the club. Ratcliffe is reportedly set to take control of United's football operations as part of the deal with the American owners and he will arrive at Old Trafford to find the club at one of the lowest ebbs in its illustrious history.

Meanwhile, Luton stunned Newcastle 1-0 to earn three big points.

Results: Aston Villa **1-1** Sheffield; West Ham **2-0** Man United; Tottenham **2-1** Everton; Nottingham Forest **2-3** Bournemouth; Fulham **0-2** Burnley; Luton **1-0** Newcastle.

Man City clinch Club WC

JEDDAH (SAUDI ARABIA): Manchester City won the Club World Cup for the first time to end 2023 with five trophies after a 4-0 win over Fluminense in Jeddah on Friday. City's victory extended European clubs' domination of the competition since 2012 and was never in doubt once Julian Alvarez opened the scoring inside the first minute. Nino's first-half own goal realistically ended the Brazilians' dreams of an upset, before Phil Foden and Alvarez rounded off the scoring in the final 20 minutes.

After clinching the treble of the club's first ever Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup last season, City also lifted the UEFA Super Cup for the first time in August.

Pep Guardiola also made history as the first coach to lift the Club World Cup on four occasions and with three different clubs after previously winning the competition twice at Barcelona and once in charge of Bayern Munich. "To win the treble was truly special, but to win two more trophies and now hold these five major titles shows the unique mentality of this team," said Guardiola.

EXPRESS READ

Deaflympics medallist to return Padma Shri

NEW DELHI: Deaflympics gold medallist Virender Singh Yadav, better known as Goonga Pehlwan, has now decided to return his Padma Shri to the government, showing solidarity with the top wrestlers who have objected to election of Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh loyalist Sanjay Singh as WFI president. Throwing his weight behind grappler Sakshi Malik Virender said he would return the honour as a mark of protest.

Centurion track likely to help pacers: Curator

CENTURION: The batters could be in for some challenging times with the Supersport Park track expected to aid the fast bowlers as rain threat looms large over the boxing day Test between India and South Africa, curator Brain Bloy said on Saturday. The Centurion curator said that there is little possibility of play on opening day and better part of second day and due to heavy rain, there will be drop in temperature and spinners are unlikely to get much help.

Boxing Natls: Saweety and Pooja advance

GREATER NOIDA: The duo of Saweety Boora and Pooja Rani cruised into the pre-quarterfinals with contrasting wins on the second day of the women's national boxing championships on Saturday. While Saweety (81kg), the reigning world champion, faced a tough challenge from Alfiya of Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) before securing a 4-1 win, Pooja beat Renu of Nagaland 5-0.

Ultimate Kho Kho from December 24

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THE second season of Ultimate Kho Kho League is set to kickstart at JN Indoor Stadium in Cuttack from December 24 till January 13. The opening match will be between the reigning champions and local favourites, Odisha Juggernauts against Rajasthan Warriors on Sunday.

There is a change in point system in the second edition, where in two points will be attributed to all attacking moves to the teams.

Sports and Youth Services Department Director Siddhartha Das said, "We are delighted to host the second season of Ultimate Kho Kho here in Odisha and I welcome and wish the very best for all the teams. I am sure that the Odisha Juggernaut will give its best and defend the title in front of the home crowd."

While addressing the media on Saturday, Tenzing Niyogi, the CEO and Commissioner of the league, commented: " We plan to expand Ultimate Kho Kho in 2025 with the addition of two more teams. Considering the support and love of fans from across the country and globe, I am confident that Season 2 will surpass the success of the inaugural season."

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UNPRECEDENTED SUSPENSIONS

WHY SPARING THE ROD IS BEST IN PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

THE penultimate session of the 17th Lok Sabha that was adjourned sine die a day ahead of schedule on Friday, will go down in parliamentary history as having set a grim record on suspensions. Action was taken against a whopping 146 members of both Houses by the presiding officers. While 100 MPs were suspended from the Lower House, the Upper House saw similar action against 46 for the remainder of the session. The MPs were suspended for their unruly conduct and disruption of proceedings while demanding a statement from Union home minister Amit Shah on the December 13 security breach.

The rule book says it is the responsibility of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and Chairman of the Rajya Sabha to maintain order and decorum in the House to ensure smooth functioning. The presiding officers maintain that the Opposition created a ruckus and entered the well of the House with placards despite their commitment not to resort to such extreme forms of protests in the new Parliament building. Both the Speaker and the Union home ministry immediately set up two separate high-level panels to probe the Parliament security breach. Their reports are awaited. On December 13, two men jumped into the Lok Sabha from the visitors' gallery with smoke canisters, setting off chaos in the House.

The rule book

Rules 373, 374 and 374A of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha empower the Speaker to direct a member to withdraw immediately from the House if "he is of the opinion that the conduct of any member is grossly disorderly". In the Rajya Sabha, the Chairman can apply similar provisions under Rules 255 and 256.

Speaking to this paper, former Lok Sabha secretary general P D T Achary says the suspension of 146 members is unprecedented and unjustified on any grounds. "The Speaker cannot bring order to the House by suspending such a large number of members. Suspension of a member is the last resort as the House cannot function without the members being able to serve it. I would say Somnath Chatterjee, who held the Speaker's post during the UPA-1 rule, is the best example. He always tried his best to put the House in order without resorting to suspensions," says Achary. Under Rule 374, the Speaker can name a member who "disregards the Chair". After the MP is named, the House can move a motion to suspend the legislator.

What does Rule 374 say

"(1) The Speaker may, if deems it necessary, name a member who disregards the authority of the Chair or abuses the rules of the House by persistently and wilfully obstructing the business thereof.

"(2) If a member is so named by the Speaker, the Speaker shall, on a motion being made forthwith put the question that the member be suspended from the service of the House for a period not exceeding the remainder of the session: Provided that the House may, at any time, on a motion being made, resolve that such suspension be terminated.

"(3) A member suspended under this rule shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the House."

Achary pointed out that Rule 374A was incorporated in the Lok Sabha Rule Book in 2001. Under this rule, the members can be suspended only for five days. According to Rule 374A: "(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in rules 373 and 374, in the event of grave disorder occasioned by a member coming into the well of the House or abusing the Rules of the House persistently and wilfully obstructing its business by shouting slogans or otherwise, such Member shall, on being named by the Speaker, stand automatically suspended from the service of the House for five consecutive sittings or the remainder of the session, whichever is less: Provided that the House may, at any time, on a motion being made, resolve that such suspension be terminated.

"(2) On the Speaker announcing the suspension under this rule, the Member shall forthwith withdraw from the precincts of the House." However, this provision has not been extended to the Rajya Sabha yet.

As the government holds the Opposition responsible for the logjam in the House, Achary cites Article 75(3) of the Constitution, which says that the government is accountable to Parliament. "When such a serious security breach happened, the government should have taken the first opportunity to come before Parliament and brief them about it. The government is duty bound to inform Parliament about all matters relating to the governance of the country," he says.

Duration of suspension

Achary says a member can be suspended for the remainder of the session only. The House can also revoke the suspension of a member by passing a motion, he pointed out. However, the suspension of 11 MPs in the winter session has been referred to the Privileges Committee. The action against them is likely to continue till the Privileges Committee submits its report. "There are no such rules. Suspensions cannot be extended after the session is over," says Achary.

Checks and balances?

There is no need for checks and balances in the rules to suspend the Parliamentarians, says Achary. "The rules have been framed in such a way that they cannot be applied at the drop of a hat. The rules clearly say that a member can be suspended only when he 'persistently wilfully disregards the authority of the Chair'. It is not disregarding the direction of the Chair. That means a member can be suspended only in the case of an aggravated form of defiance," he says.

Is it a good precedent?

Speaking to this newspaper, Dr M R Madhavan, President of PRS Legislative Research says that though earlier Parliaments have witnessed acrimonious scenarios, most of the presiding officers were reluctant to suspend members. The 15th Lok Sabha, which is described as one of the most disrupted in Independent India, saw only 29 suspensions, says Madhavan.

"An entire session was washed out on the issue of the 2G spectrum scam. Then there was the coal block allocation scam and the issue of Andhra Pradesh bifurcation etc. Still, only 29 members were suspended. Most of them were suspended for Andhra Pradesh agitation," he says, adding that Parliament is the highest forum for discussion and the primary task of the members is to take up national issues and to hold the government accountable.

"The question is whether the House retains its legitimacy for discussions. If there is no significant presence of the Opposition, is Parliament doing its job? That is precisely the reason why presiding officers were reluctant to suspend members in the past. When Somnath Chatterjee was the Speaker, only five people were suspended during five years though he has seen a lot of disruptions and ruckus," recalls Madhavan.

Passing key bills in the absence of Opposition

The winter session saw the passage of half a dozen bills, including the three criminal bills to replace the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian Evidence Act; the Chief Election Commissioner and Other Election Commissioners (Appointment, Conditions of Service and Term of Office) Bill, Telecommunication Bill and Press and Registration of Books Act.

"All these bills are significant and have far-reaching effects on people's lives. However, the bills were passed essentially with only the treasury benches speaking on them. Half of the Opposition was absent during the passage of the bills. It's not a good trend. It is a question of propriety. Are those discussions happening with enough content from all perspectives? If you are losing the substance, what is the point of having those discussions?" says Madhavan.

Way forward: UK model

Dr Madhavan suggests that there is a need to rethink the way Parliament is functioning. "The British Parliament has devoted 20 days in a year to the Opposition parties. It is called 'Opposition days'. The Opposition decides the topic of discussion on those days," he shares. While many point to the lack of time and opportunity for the Opposition as the main bone of contention, Dr Madhavan says structural issues need to be addressed first.

"Here, primarily the government decides the agenda. It is not about which party is in power. Irrespective of which party is in power, the tussle has been going on for years. We need to address the structural problems first," he says.

PAST SUSPENSIONS

On March 15, 1989, the Rajiv Gandhi-led Congress government suspended 63 members from Lok Sabha for a week. The House witnessed stormy scenes over the tabling of the Justice Thakkar Commission report into the assassination of former prime minister Indira Gandhi

In February 2014, during UPA rule, Speaker Meira Kumar suspended 18 MPs from (undivided) Andhra Pradesh on the issue of a separate state of Telangana

In January 2019, Speaker Sumitra Mahajan suspended 45 members from the Lok Sabha for disrupting proceedings

In July 2022, 19 MPs from the Rajya Sabha and four from the Lok Sabha were suspended

FIRST SUSPENSION

Godey Murahari, an Independent Rajya Sabha member from Uttar Pradesh, became the first-ever MP to be suspended - on 3 September 1962 - for the rest of the session for unruly behaviour. He was evicted by the Marshal of the House

TELECOM BILL 2023

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

RAKESH KUMAR @New Delhi

THE Telecommunication Bill 2023 passed by Parliament last week proposes a slew of changes in the sector, which was widely seen as a mixed bag. It replaces the three legislations -- the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885; the Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933; and the Telegraph Wires Act, 1950.

Henceforth, telecom companies won't be subjected to a licensing process; a simple on-tap authorisation will suffice. The legislation includes provisions for penalties or fines in case of any harm to telecom infrastructure; direct allocation of satellite spectrum; and mandatory biometrics before issuing SIM cards to consumers. It also opens the possibility of appointing the TRAI chairperson and its members from the private sector.

However, certain aspects of the bill have sparked concerns among Internet rights organisations. These include empowering the government to temporarily take control of telecom services; intercepting messages and asking companies to ease encryption. Organisations such as the Signal Foundation, Access Now, Eko and Digital Rights Watch Freedom House have collectively demanded a rollback of the bill, citing its potential impact on privacy.

Defending the provisions, Union telecom minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the telecom is the gateway to digital services, adding the security of the country is vitally dependent on the safety of the networks. Therefore, there is a need to create a legal and regulatory framework that focuses on a safe and secure network for digitally inclusive growth, he argued.

"The current legal framework is governed by three laws enacted in 1885, 1933 and 1950. The nature of telecommunication, its usage and underlying technologies have undergone massive changes, especially in the past decade. Therefore, there is a need for enacting legislation for the telecom sector that serves the needs of our society," the minister said.

Let's explore the main aspects of the bill.

End of licensing

The first change is to do away with the licensing process and introducing authorisation. Individuals or entities intending to provide telecom services, or to establish, operate, maintain or possess radio equipment must obtain authorisation from the government. Exemption from authorisation, too, can be granted by the government in public interest.

Ease of deployment

The legislation enables the government to simplify and ease the deployment of telecom infrastructure. Now, companies can apply to a public entity for the right of way for a telecom network over public property. After the application, the public entity can grant permission for surveys and activities related to the establishment, operation and maintenance of the telecom network. Once the application is received, the public entity is required to grant permission promptly within prescribed timelines - subject to administrative expenses and compensation, as determined by regulations.

In the case of private properties, both telecom operators and private property owners can arrive at a mutual understanding on the installation of telecom equipment. In the case of damage, the facility provider must restore the property or pay the agreed compensation. There is also a provision for compulsory permission. If the person owning the property does not grant the right of way but the government finds it necessary in public interest, it can intervene and determine the terms and conditions.

The bill, however, underlines that facility providers have no ownership rights over the property where the telecom network is established. The network is not considered part of the property for transactions, taxes or duties. In case of a dispute between the facility provider or property owner for damage or any other issue, both parties can go to the district magistrate or any other notified authority.

Spectrum rules

The government, as the spectrum owner, assigns it and can notify a National Frequency Allocation Plan. The bill says the spectrum is assigned through auction, except in special cases such as allocating to satellite communication providers. Additionally, it will assign spectrum to state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) for communication services. The government can also allocate spectrum for the purposes of national security and defence, public broadcasting services and others.

The bill allows sharing, trading, leasing and surrender of assigned spectrum under prescribed terms and conditions. To promote optimal use, the government can offer parts of a spectrum assigned to a primary assignee to one or more secondary assignees, while ensuring no harmful interference. Unused spectrum may be terminated or subjected to further terms and conditions after providing a hearing opportunity. However, there will be no refund of fees or charges if the authorisation or assignment is suspended, curtailed, revoked or varied.

Fines and penalties

The bill introduces some of the most stringent measures against unauthorised activities such as causing harm to telecom infrastructure, unlawful intercepting of messages, use of blocking equipment, etc. Offenders now face penalties of imprisonment for up to three years, fines reaching ₹2 crore or both. In the case of unlawfully intercepting messages, possessing or using equipment blocking telecommunication, using unauthorised identifiers, tampering with identifiers, and possessing radio equipment without proper authorisation, these offences carry penalties of imprisonment, fines or both. The legislation also addresses damage to telecom networks (excluding critical infrastructure), prescribing compensation and fines.

Besides, it addresses damage to telecom networks (excluding critical infrastructure), prescribing compensation and fines. The bill applies to any offence committed or contravention made outside India by any person if the act or conduct constituting such an offence or contravention involves a telecom service provided in India, or telecom equipment or network located in India.

Elephant in the room

The downside is that the government can read your messages, take control of telecom services, and restrict the transmission of certain messages in case of emergency, disasters and national security. The bill provides that the government can direct telecom operators to not transmit any particular message or intercept messages in intelligible format and sent them to designated government officials. The legislation, however, keeps accredited journalists out of the ambit of this law.

At the time of war or for national security, the government can issue measures related to the use of telecom equipment, like standards, procurement and control of services or networks. "The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, declare any telecommunication network, or part thereof, as Critical Telecommunication Infrastructure, disruption of which shall have debilitating impact on national security, economy, public health or safety," reads the bill.

Legal disputes

An Adjudicating Officer appointed under the provisions of the bill, through an inquiry, may issue orders directing entities to comply, impose civil penalties and recommend suspension, revocation or curtailment of authorisation. Orders by the Adjudicating Officer and Designated Appeals Committee are executable like civil court decrees (Section 38). Appeals against Designated Appeals Committee orders related to Section 32 matters go to the Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal, while those related to Section 33 matters go to civil courts (Sections 39 and 40).

The bill, however, exempts the government or government officials from any prosecution or other legal proceeding for anything which is done in good faith, or intended to be done in 'pursuance of this Act or any rule, regulation or order made thereunder'.

Industry view

The bill drew mixed reactions from stakeholders. Akshaya Moondra, CEO of Vodafone Idea, called it a pivotal moment in telecom reform. He particularly welcomed the rationalisation of penalties and the legal enforceability of the right of way, besides recognising telecom as a critical infrastructure. The Cellular Operators Association of India also appreciated the clarity on penalties, the shift from license to authorisation, and measures preventing coercive actions without due permission from the government.

The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI), representing nearly 600 Internet firms and start-ups, welcomed the progressive approach. The IAMAI lauded the exclusion of Internet companies from the law's scope and appreciated the adoption of its recommendations, such as excluding email, Internet-based communication service and broadcasting services from the ambit of the legislation.

The Broadband India Forum (BIF) hailing it as a significant enabler for the broader digital ecosystem, particularly for innovative OTT apps and the satellite sector.

However, it faced criticism from some quarters. Critics raised concerns about ambiguous definition of telecom services, suggesting potential extensions to cover online communication services like email and messaging platforms. Prateek Waghre, Executive Director at the Internet Freedom Foundation, pointed out the scope for interpreting the bill to include a broader set of internet services. Digital rights organisations, including Signal and the Firefox browser, expressed apprehensions in a letter to minister Vaishnaw, demanding the bill's withdrawal. They raised concerns about its impact on encryption, privacy, free expression and enhanced government surveillance without independent oversight.